

COMPLETE UNITY

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Jesus' Teaching: Complete Unity

John 17:22-23 [Jesus prayed,] “I have given [those who would believe in me] the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Matthew 12:25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.” NIV

Matthew 19:9 [Jesus said,] “I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.” NIV

The more you see yourself as bonded together, the harder you will fight for unity, the more you will be willing to endure suffering, the more you will want to find ways to make it work, and the more you will experience joy.

Why should you see yourselves as bonded together?

Commitments you've made.

Numbers 30:2 A man who makes a vow to the LORD or makes a pledge under oath must never break it. He must do exactly what he said he would do. NLT

Deuteronomy 23:21-23 “When you make a vow to the LORD your God, be prompt in doing whatever you promised him. For the LORD your God demands that you promptly fulfill all your vows. If you don't, you will be guilty of sin. ²² However, it is not a sin to refrain from making a vow. ²³ But once you have voluntarily made a vow, be careful to do as you have said, for you have made a vow to the LORD your God. NLT

Relationships God has made.

How can we experience life-giving unity?

Live vulnerable.

Since you are joined together, make life easier for the other person.

Husbands, make it easy for your wife to respect and follow you.

1 Timothy 3:2 Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, NIV

Wives, make it easy for your husbands to love you and lead your family.

Hebrews 13:17 Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. NIV

Seek to please the Lord.