

Monday 22nd June 09

Unity

Today, I would like us to focus on the **'Unity of the Team'**. This focus is more important than one could ever imagine. God has been speaking to me quite a lot about this aspect of the church over the last few months and it quite interesting to hear Pastor Steve's sermon on this yesterday (Sunday 21st June).

When we love each other, we are like-minded. We are in one accord. We are not competing against one another, we are working together. We are not trying to overcome one another, we are all trying to overcome the devil! You will find that breakthrough often comes through consistently applying basic biblical truths – at least, this is what we are finding as a family!

Psa. 133:1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

There has been a focus on the church growth that is about to happen within the church (this included the Worship Team). This morning I was reading Acts 2 (in particular verses 46 & 47 **'Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.'**

I believe this growth is happening all around the world as move closer to the Lord's return!

As mentioned to those that were at prayer meeting last week, when we went through our time of personal 'attack' and I do want to give this 'too much attention' as it can add to the 'distraction', as a family we simply did what has become a common practice; we had family communion and I spoke the word over my children and Velveta. It is the WORD that covers, protects and shields us.' THE WORD! It is sharper than a two edged sword – able to cut through and break away any attachment or distractions in our lives.

We have called this fast so that we can simply once again, refocus. We are all going through 'something', but please remember that our loving Father will not allow you to go through anything that He cannot deliver you from. I am certainly allowing the Holy Spirit to sharpen my character and the 'Godly man' within me. Already today, my mind is refocused; especially having to be strong as a leader for the team and my family. As mentioned at last week's rehearsal, every situation can be converted into stepping blocks to your 'destination' – whatever you are believing God for! Remember, the Word also brings correction – allow the Holy Spirit to speak into your life today!

There is much more I would like to share today (you know me, I am a talker J), but allow today to be a day of Prayer – asking the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers – helping you to play your part in maintaining the peace & **UNTIY** of God within the team.

In closing, let me add another scripture to help guide your prayer throughout the day!

Phil. 2:1 - 3 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

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