

“Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling” *Do Everything in Your Power for Unity and Peace* (4:3-6)

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

Do Everything in Your Power...

“Make every effort...”

United

“Keep yourselves united in the Spirit...”

Psalm 133:1,3

How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!
Unity is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion.
And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

- Consistory
- Marriage
- Nation

Nearly Unbreakable

“Binding yourselves together in peace...”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor; ¹⁰ for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up! ¹¹ Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*? ¹² And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. **A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.**

1 Samuel 18:1

The soul of Jonathan **was knit** with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul...

- A Binding so close that the person(s) become a part of you...
 - You feel the loss
 - You feel vulnerable
 - You feel exposed

Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷ Never repay evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all people. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people. ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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- ◆ *"Feed (your enemy)...give him a drink..."*
- ◆ *"Do not be overcome by evil"*
- ◆ *"Overcome evil with good"*

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

(The Message Ephesians 4:4-6)