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**Matthew 6:30-33**

## The Power of Unity

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### Definition of Unity

- **The state of being one**
- **A whole or totality as combining all its parts into one**
- **The state or fact of being united or combined into one, as of the parts of a whole; unification**
- **Oneness of mind, feeling, etc. as among a number of persons (we are called to be united)**

### The Power of Unity

#### Ephesians 4:1-16 The Message (MSG)

1-3 In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

4-6 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.

7-13 But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

14-16 No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are an easy mark for impostors. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

### **The Gift of Choice**

- **We all have the ability to choose...**
- **We have to surrender our mind to God (learning to let go of what we know...mind renewed daily)**
- **It's a heart thing**

### **The Importance of Unity**

- **Strength**
- **Power**
- **Confidence**
- **Security**
- **Comfort**
- **Presence**
- **A Voice**

### **Judges 7:2-7 New Living Translation (NLT)**

2 The LORD said to Gideon, “You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength.

3 Therefore, tell the people, ‘Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain and go home.’”

**So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight.** 4 But the LORD told Gideon, “There are still too many! Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not.” 5 When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the LORD told him, “Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream.” 6 Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with their mouths in the stream.

7 The LORD told Gideon, “**With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home.**

### **Joshua 6:1-20, 27 (NLT)**

1 Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. 2 **But the LORD said to Joshua,** “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. 3 You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. 4 Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. 5 When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all the people

shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town.” 6 **So Joshua called together the priests and said**, “Take up the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant, and assign seven priests to walk in front of it, each carrying a ram’s horn.” 7 **Then he gave orders to the people**: “March around the town, and the armed men will lead the way in front of the Ark of the LORD.”

8 After Joshua spoke to the people, the seven priests with the rams’ horns started marching in the presence of the LORD, blowing the horns as they marched. And the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant followed behind them. 9 Some of the armed men marched in front of the priests with the horns and some behind the Ark, with the priests continually blowing the horns. 10 “**Do not shout; do not even talk,**” Joshua commanded. “**Not a single word from any of you until I tell you to shout. Then shout!**” 11 So the Ark of the LORD was carried around the town once that day, and then everyone returned to spend the night in the camp. 12 Joshua got up early the next morning, and the priests again carried the Ark of the LORD. 13 The seven priests with the rams’ horns marched in front of the Ark of the LORD, blowing their horns. Again the armed men marched both in front of the priests with the horns and behind the Ark of the LORD. All this time the priests were blowing their horns. 14 On the second day they again marched around the town once and returned to the camp. They followed this pattern for six days.

15 On the seventh day the Israelites got up at dawn and marched around the town as they had done before. But this time they went around the town seven times. 16 The seventh time around, as the priests sounded the long blast on their horns, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the town! 17 Jericho and everything in it must be completely destroyed **as an offering to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and the others in her house will be spared, for she protected our spies.** 18 “Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel. 19 Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the LORD and must be brought into his treasury.” 20 **When the people heard the sound of the rams’ horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it.**

27 **So the Lord was with Joshua, and his reputation spread throughout the land.**

- **Instruction**
- **Obedience**

## **The Power of Unity**

### **John 17:20-23 (MSG)**

20-23 I’m praying not only for them but also for those who will believe in me because of them and their witness about me. **The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind** - just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, **so they might be one heart and mind with us**. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me. The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they’ll be as unified and together as we are - I in them and you in me. Then they’ll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you’ve sent me and loved them in the same way you’ve loved me.