

UNITY

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Prayer

Worship

Give/Generosity

Love

Reach

Serve

Dr. Mark Rutland said, “the minute you stop moving forward, you start moving backward. You have to keep pushing.”

-The OAR (LEAVE LOGO UP)

-The BOAT (LEAVE LOGO UP)

-The COMPASS. (LEAVE LOGO UP)

TOGETHER means in close proximity with another person or people. It means well-organized and level headed. It means companionship. It means united or as one.

1. What Is Unity?

Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV)

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit

what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

2. Let God Hold It Together.

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Ephesians 4:4-6 (NIV)

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3. Unity is Needed to Command the Blessing.

Psalm 133:1-3

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! **2** It is like precious oil upon the head, that runs down on the beard— even Aaron's beard— and going down to the collar of his garments; **3** as the dew of Hermon, that descends upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forever.

Acts 2:43-44 (NIV)

43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were TOGETHER and had everything in common.