

TOGETHERNESS

Scripture: “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” **Matthew 18:19-20** (NIV)

Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction? Amos 3:3 (NLT)

Agreeing on where you’re going is essential to oneness in relationships. It can start with the simple rule that neither spouse makes a commitment involving the other without discussing it first. Other goals might include weekly family nights, remodeling plans or vacation ideas, each of which encourages “walking together” as a couple or family.

Remember the satisfaction you felt when you checked off each item on your check list of “things to do?” Your life is not out of control; instead you’ve taken charge of your destiny. Setting goals for marriage and family can have the same effect, multiplied many times over. Accomplishing those goals can bring a deep sense of togetherness to each family member. This is how God originally designed it. He was us to live a life of accomplishments, but do so with the proper balance and relationship with Him. Just like you must be committed to your spouse, family, job, or anything else, you must also be committed to your walk with God. You are responsible for not only your personal walk with Christ, but also your leading of your families spiritually. Disunity creates chaos and havoc, but the Psalmist said it best when he wrote that it is “*pleasantful for people to dwell together in unity*” (**Ps. 133:1**).

Therefore reflect on the following question... What do I, or my family, hope to accomplish in our marriage, or family during this next month, and even maybe this year? The answer to that question can be transformational to you and your family. Remember all decisions can have either a positive or negative outcome, so which one will you choose?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for unity. It is truly peaceful when all things seem to be working together for one common goal or purpose. Help me be a unifier rather than a divider among my church, family, spouse, friends, etc. Help others find the joy of working together in unity so their homes, marriages, and everything around them can be at peace and in harmony with you.. In Jesus Name, Amen!

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