

DAY 10

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HOUSTON

"That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me." John 17.21-23

UNITY

IN A SEASON MARKED BY DIVISION, PRAY THAT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS AND CHURCHES ACROSS THE CITY WOULD BE RADICALLY UNIFIED!

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

We live in a divided time. Everyone has a HOT TAKE on just about everything. Disunity is the first byproduct of sin in the scriptures. Our sin leads to separation from God, and in that separation, the enemy attacks. We see God's people arguing over their preference in music, leadership style, Bible translations, politics, racial justice, women's roles, and so much more.

"When the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it. It is then that the world is made to listen to her message, though it may hate it at first."
—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Disunity is rooted in preference. Jesus didn't give his life for our preference. He came, died, and rose to rescue us from our preferences and remind us that the mission of God is to SEEK and SAVE the LOST! When we focus our attention on preference over mission, we see our culture no longer look to the church for guidance and answers. Disunity is what ruins our witness in this broken world.

The enemy is running free while we are fighting one another. What Houston needs is to see a united church. We have to stack hands on the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost. God is ONE. The church must also be ONE.

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Father, Son, & Spirit, help us to be one as you are one. Reveal to us the preferences that are pulling us away from your mission. Give us the courage to lay them down at your feet and grow our capacity to resist picking them back up again. Help our unity shift the cultural climate. We need you.



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