



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Unity of the Spirit

Ephesians 4:2-3

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### 1. Attacking Your Own Team?

In the book of Judges 7:15-22 we can read how Gideon's army used unconventional tactics with trumpets, jars, and torches to surprise and defeat the Midianites by having them attack each other.

The enemy has been using this same tactic to confuse us and distracted us from our true identity as the people who love each other.

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### 2. Unity of the Spirit

**Ephesians 4:2-3** "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."

Humility, gentleness, and patience, are extremely important in keeping unity and peace.

### 3. Don't Be Easily Offended

When people say things that are unkind, don't be offended.

**Proverbs 19:11** "A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense."

**John 17:20-23 Jesus' prayer for all believers:**

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Let's be part of the answer to Jesus' prayer. - Amen

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