



Key References:

Genesis 11:6 (NLT) - “Look!” he said. “The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them!”

John 17:20–21 (NLT) - “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

Philippians 1:27–30 (ESV) - Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. [...]

Philippians 2:1–2 (ESV) - So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

1 Peter 2:4–6 (NLT)

⁴ You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. ⁵ And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

1 – NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM

At the beginning of the sermon Wes talked about the tower of Babel in Genesis 11. Read Genesis 11:5-7. **What do you know about this story? Why did Wes bring it up? How do you find what God said and did here striking as we talk about unity?**

If we as a church “all spoke the same language” and were “united”, how like them would “nothing be impossible for [us]?”

How does Jesus reveal in John 17:20-23 about how we are to be united? On Sunday Wes said, “unity is required for a church to reflect Christ.” What do you think about that statement? When have you see disunity in a church and how did it distract from the gospel?

2 – UNITY IN PHILIPPIANS

Read Philippians 1:27-2:2 where Paul talks about unity. **After hearing Wes preach through unity which parts of this passage stand out to you?**

What does it mean to stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel?

Philippians 2:1-2 mentions; encouragement in Christ, comfort, love, participation in the Spirit, affection, and sympathy. **How does each of these six things work to keep in unity? How can you exercise these six things?**

How does Ephesians 4:1–6 echo and expand on these ideas?

These passages reveal that unity does not come naturally without all these God given virtues. **Why does mankind tend towards disunity & division when left to ourselves? How do we see this play out in the world around us? How can we lift up a unity that shows a better way?**

3 – LIVING STONES

Read 1 Peter 2:4-6. **What is the picture of unity in this passage? One of Wes’ points from Sunday was “Unity is about knowing which part of the body I am.” Do you know how you fit into the church? What is your part to play and how can you bring unity in that role?**

What do you remember from Sunday about how Wes talked about the difference between building with stones vs bricks? Which does God choose to build with?