

Different But Not Divided

Part three of the series, "One"

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1 Corinthians 1:10 NLT Revelations 7:9-10 NLT

Diversity will create disagreement, but it doesn't have to create division.

How to maintain relational unity:

1. Listen before speaking.

"Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." (James 1:19 NLT)

2. Seek to understand before seeking to be understood.

"Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions." (Proverbs 18:2 NLT)

3. Preserve peace as much as possible.

"Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! ¹⁷Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." (Romans 12:16-18 NLT)

4. Be patient. Perspectives can change over time.

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged." (1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NLT)

In spite of our differences, we all have something in common.

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23 NLT)

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 NIV)

Our Common Ground:

- We're all images
- We're all infected
- We're all invited