

RESOLUTE Together

RESOLUTE TOGETHER: PROTECTING UNITY

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SUMMARY

The 4-week series, Resolute Together, explores the four core commitments of TBC membership: protecting the unity of the church, joining the mission of the church, supporting the life of the church, and serving the ministry of the church. The challenge for TBC is not whether we should be resolute, but how we can ensure we stand resolute together as a church family. This series opens with the crucial question, “Will we protect the unity of the church?”

Psalm 133:1-3

¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

1 Corinthians 1:10

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-3

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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1. We will stand in doctrinal unity.
2. We will act in love.
3. We will follow our leaders.
4. We will reconcile conflicts.
5. We will refuse to gossip.

John 17:20-23

²⁰ I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ 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. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ 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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was a memorable, bonding experience you went through with others?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 and Ephesians 2:19-22. What are the important truths about church unity you observe in these passages?
3. Read Psalm 133:1-3. Why does King David use the images of oil over Aaron and dew flowing from Mt. Hermon in connection with unity among God's people?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:10. What is the context of Paul's appeal to the church in Corinth?
5. What is at stake if a church is in disunity?
6. What are signs that a church is united?
7. TBC has five agreements we make to protect unity. Review these five from the sermon. Which one or two stand out as the most timely for TBC?
8. What was your takeaway from today's message and passage?
9. What was your takeaway from this week's message or passage?

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