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**We're All in This Together
"Creating Unity in Our Church"
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"Independence? That's middle class blasphemy. We are all dependent on one another, every soul of us on earth."

--George Bernard Shaw

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Three destructive attitudes that hinder unity

1. What's in it _____?

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4

2. My battle is against _____.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12

3. We have never done it _____!

'It will never happen' is destructive because it limits the collective faith.

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Four essential attitudes that create unity

1. it's not _____ church!

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:18

2. I'm here by _____.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

Ephesians 3:7

3. I need _____.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

4. I'm here _____.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

Practical Ways to Live in Unity

1. Pray for _____.

I beg of you, don't think only about yourselves...consider everyone else. Think about the sick even more than the well. For the apostle Paul commanded, "Comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak." Stretch out your hands to those who are struck down. Tend to their wounds and set them at their post to fight the devil. Nothing will annoy the devil as much as seeing them fighting again.

--Theodoret of Cyrus

2. Get involved _____.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

3. Forgive _____.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

4. Believe that God will do _____.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21