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# How Unity Makes the Impossible Possible

What it takes to stay unified long enough for God to do the impossible.

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## Overview.

Most communities start strong and slowly come apart — not because people stop caring, but because unity is harder than it looks. The Bible says unity isn't just a nice quality. It's the condition under which God makes the impossible possible. Let's explore what that actually looks like.

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## Warm up.

**Icebreaker:** What's one team — a sports team, a work team, a family, a dance crew — that you've seen do something that felt almost impossible? What made them work so well together?

Teams that pull off the impossible usually aren't the most talented — they're the most unified. That's not just a sports observation. It turns out it's a spiritual one too.

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## Watch the video.

[How Unity Makes the Impossible Possible](#) — a video by Bay Area Christian Church

Follow along with the guide, or use it independently as a recap. If you're in a group, press play.

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## Read and talk.

### 1. Nothing will be impossible — if we learn to be one.

"And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. Nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.'"

— **Genesis 11:6, NRSV**

- **Key point:** The Tower of Babel is usually read as a story about punishment. But God's own words reveal something else: when human beings are truly unified — one people, one language — nothing they set out to do is out of reach. The same principle applies to the church.
- **Reflection:** Where in my life right now am I experiencing disunity — with another person, within a group I'm part of, or even within myself?
  - *(Drifting apart from someone I used to be close to, conflict I've been avoiding, a team that used to work well together, other: \_\_)*
- How much is that affecting what I'm able to accomplish — or what we're able to accomplish together?

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## 2. Jesus prayed for our unity — and it's what makes the world believe.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 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. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — 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."

— John 17:20–23, NIV

- **Key point:** Unity among Jesus's followers isn't a preference — it's the primary witness. A disunited church can't credibly claim to have something the world needs. But a unified one? The world notices.
- **Reflection:** When I think about the people in my life who don't have a spiritual community — what impression do I think they have of the church? Of this church?
  - *(They think it's judgmental, they've never really seen it up close, they're curious but skeptical, they've been hurt by a church before, other: \_\_)*
- What would it take for the unity in my own relationships — starting with the people in this room — to become something worth noticing?

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## 3. Unity has to be built on something bigger than agreement.

I urge you, my brothers and sisters, for the sake of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree to live in unity with one another and put to rest any division that attempts to tear you apart. Be restored as one united body living in perfect harmony. Form a consistent choreography among yourselves, having a common perspective with shared values.

— 1 Corinthians 1:10 TPT

The episode identifies four principles for sustaining unity — not as a creed or doctrinal statement, but as reminders grounded in scripture:

1. Keep the Bible as our standard — to avoid splintering over personal agendas
  2. Commit to becoming like Jesus — staying hungry to change and grow together
  3. Sustain our passion for doing and evangelizing good — being salt in the world
  4. Sustain our passion for loving and evangelizing God — being light in the world
- **Key point:** Unity built on negotiated compromise over personal preferences will eventually collapse. Unity built on shared biblical conviction — and a shared commitment to becoming more like Jesus — has a foundation that can actually hold.
  - **Reflection:** What usually drives the conflict or drift I experience in relationships or community?

- *(Personal preferences that never get named, unspoken expectations, different priorities, not enough time together to build real trust, other: \_\_)*
- Which of the four principles above feels hardest for me to personally sustain right now?

## Discuss

1. **The episode makes a pointed observation:** "Rare has been the individual church or fellowship capable of sustaining unity long enough to experience the impossible." What would it look like — practically, not ideally — for our group to be that kind of exception?
2. **Christian talked about the Golden State Warriors:** how Andre Iguodala came off the bench, sacrificing personal status for the team's vision. Where in my life am I being asked to sacrifice something personal for the unity or health of a larger community? Am I doing it? Why or why not?
3. Michelle and Jeanette both noticed that the pandemic showed them how much they value relationships they'd been taking for granted. What relationship in my life have I been underinvesting in — and what would it look like to change that this week?

## Keep growing.

- **Name one relationship you want to invest in this week.** Text or call that person — not to have a deep conversation, just to show up. Consistent, small presence is what actually builds the unity we're talking about.
- **Pray about the four principles** — and ask yourself: which one am I weakest in right now? Spend five minutes this week just being honest about it with God.
  - Keep the Bible as our standard.
  - Commit to becoming like Jesus.
  - Sustain passion for doing good.
  - Sustain passion for loving God.
- **If there's a conflict or drift you've been avoiding** — with someone in your group, your family, or a friend — identify one small step you could take this week to move toward it rather than away from it.

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Dive deeper.

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For more on this topic, check out: [How to Become a Church That Does the Impossible](#)