

A Song of Unity

Songs For The Road - 7

Real unity is so refreshing! But as Christians, unity isn't something that we create. Unity is something that God creates. God makes us one--on the basis of what Christ has done. Nevertheless, we are commanded to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3).

As we care more about what Christ has, and is doing, in our lives--we will experience a greater sense of the unity that is ours in Christ. The Bible puts it this way: "*You were called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.*" (Ephesians 4:3-6, *The Message*).

LOOKING BACK:

Did you experience a lot of sibling rivalry growing up?
Explain.

LOOKING DEEP:

Read Psalm 133

1. *Have you ever tasted" the sort of unity described in verse 1? Have you ever been in a situation in which everyone pulled together in such a wonderful way?*
2. *How is unity like the oil used to anoint priests (Exodus 30:22-30)? Like the morning dew on the high slopes of mount Hermon?*
3. *Have you ever gone to a family or church re-union, gotten "caught up" on each other's lives, and felt renewed (as morning dew falling on mount Hermon) by an awareness of what God is doing among you? Explain.*
4. *What could you do to foster a greater appreciation of each member in your group as a priest--consecrated, set apart for a special task? What could you do to create a greater sense of expectancy, when you come together with your group, of what God is doing among you?*
5. *The psalmist says that the Lord bestows His blessing as we pursue God together (vs 3). What, exactly, does he mean?*

*PRAYER REQUESTS
AND REFLECTIONS*