Unity

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4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. 6 The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." 8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. Genesis 11:4-8

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- All answered with vision. – When everyone is speaking the same language – **nothing** is impossible for them.

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1. Moses and Aaron

22 Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son 23 and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.' ". Exodus 4:22-23

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21 The Lord said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. Exodus 4:21

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25 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land." 26 But Moses said, Exodus 4:25-26

Unity – Moses and Aaron

- Misdirected Actions

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." Exodus 32:1

Unity – Moses and Aaron

- Misdirected Actions

He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." Exodus 32:4

Unity – Moses and Aaron

- Misdirected Actions
- Misdirected Values

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." Exodus 32:5

Warnings against Disunity Abraham and Lot

- Three causes:

1. Self-promotion

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- Three causes:

1. Self-promotion
2. Disunity in Staff

Warnings against Disunity
Abraham and Lot

- Three causes:

1. Self-promotion
2. Disunity in Staff
3. Success - incredible but success can lead to disunity.

Warnings against Disunity
Jesus and Judas

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

John 17:12

Warnings against Disunity
Jesus and Judas

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 6:38

Warnings against Disunity
Jesus and Judas

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

Warnings against Disunity
Paul and Barnabas over John Mark

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2

Warnings against Disunity
Paul and Barnabas over John Mark

35 But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching
with many others also, the word of the Lord. 36 After some days Paul
said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brethren in every city
in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they
are.” 37 Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them
also. 38 But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along
who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them
to the work. 39 And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that
they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with
him and sailed away to Cyprus. 40 But Paul chose Silas and left,
being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he
was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 15:35-41

Warnings against Disunity
Paul and Barnabas over John Mark

After setting sail from Paphos, Paul and his companions came to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

Acts 13:13

Unity

- Your actions, your choices, your commitment, or lack of commitment can affect unity.

Division and Dis-unity

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

1 Corinthians 1:10

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- Unity already exists – we just need to choose to live in it.
- John 17:20-23