



UNITY - COMMUNITY

Ephesians 4:1-4 NLT

¹ Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴ For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

Ephesians 4:1-6 MSG

¹⁻³ In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

⁴⁻⁶ You were all 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.

1. You Can't Have Unity Without **Community**.

- A. Your motives are **questioned**.
- B. Your heart is **scrutinized**.
- C. Your mindset is **considered unstable**.

2. I Beg You to Lead a Life **Worthy**.

- A. I beg you to be **humble**.

James 4:6 NLT

⁶ And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

- B. I beg you to be **gentle**.
- C. I beg you to be **patient**.
- D. I beg you to make **allowance** for others' **faults**.

3. Let's All Travel on the **Same Road**.

- A. Pouring yourself out for **others**.
- B. Alert for **differences**.
- C. Quick at **mending** fences.