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Part 3 - Fault Lines

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:16, 22-23

- Most of the time there are fault lines in our relationships long before the relationship breaks. When it comes to your relationships (in any context) how aware are you of the fault lines? Do you ever attempt to do anything about them?
- How can being intentional about building unity at home impact the other relationships in your life? How can having unity at home impact the church?
- Do you tend to focus on what you want or on what others need? If your focus is on you, what are some practical ways you can shift your focus to the needs of others?
- What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation? How well do you do at practicing both?

Consider this week:

- In John 17, Jesus prayed that his followers would be in unity? What are you doing to be intentional about building unity in our church?
- How much effort do you put into 'keeping in step' with the spirit? What would it look like if you stayed in step with God's Spirit?

Final Thought: This week, be mindful of how you can intentionally build unity in your relationships at home, at work and at church.