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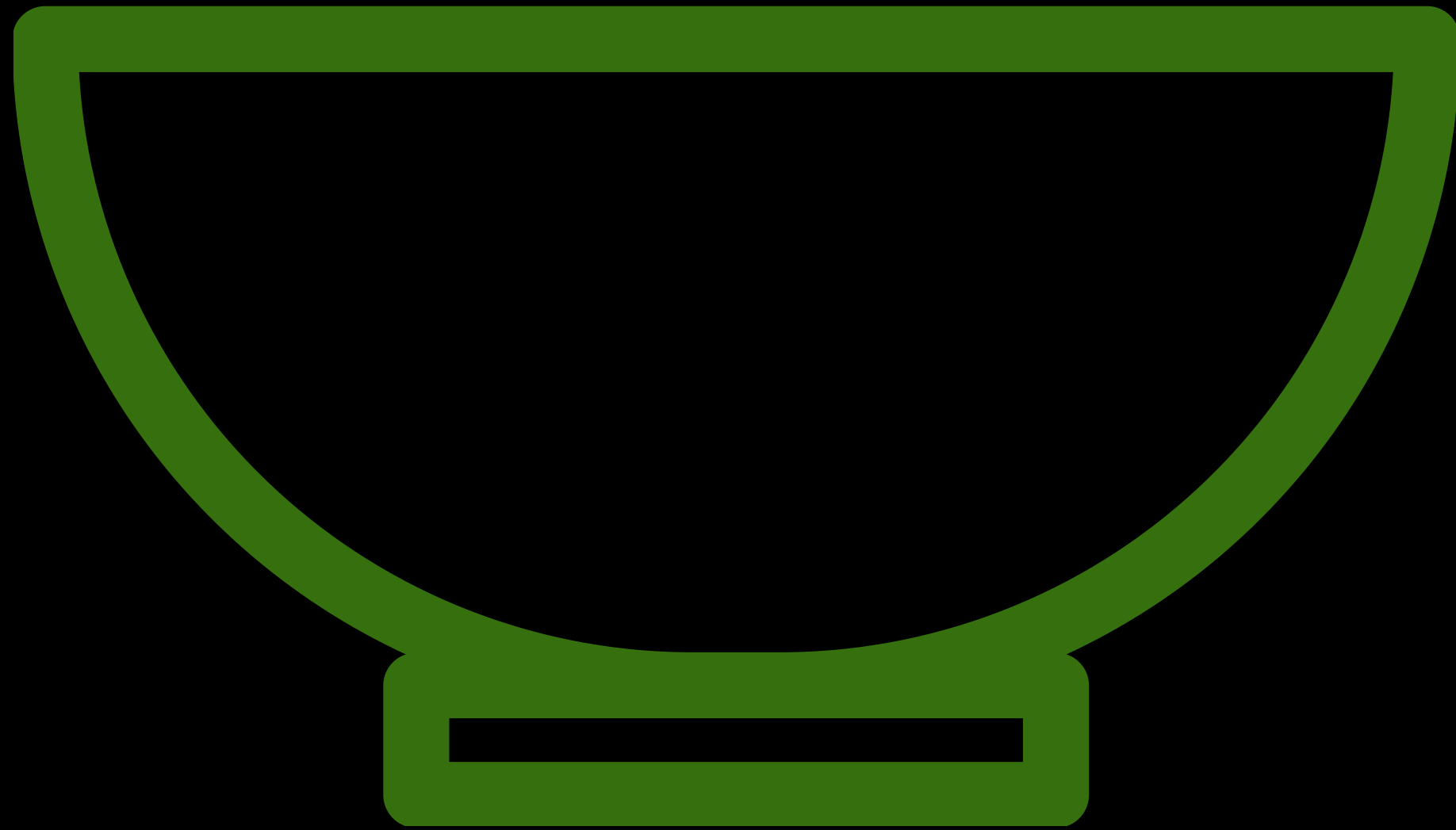
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THE BEAUTY OF

FELLOWSHIP





**THE
SALAD
BOWL**

What are your favorite salad ingredients?

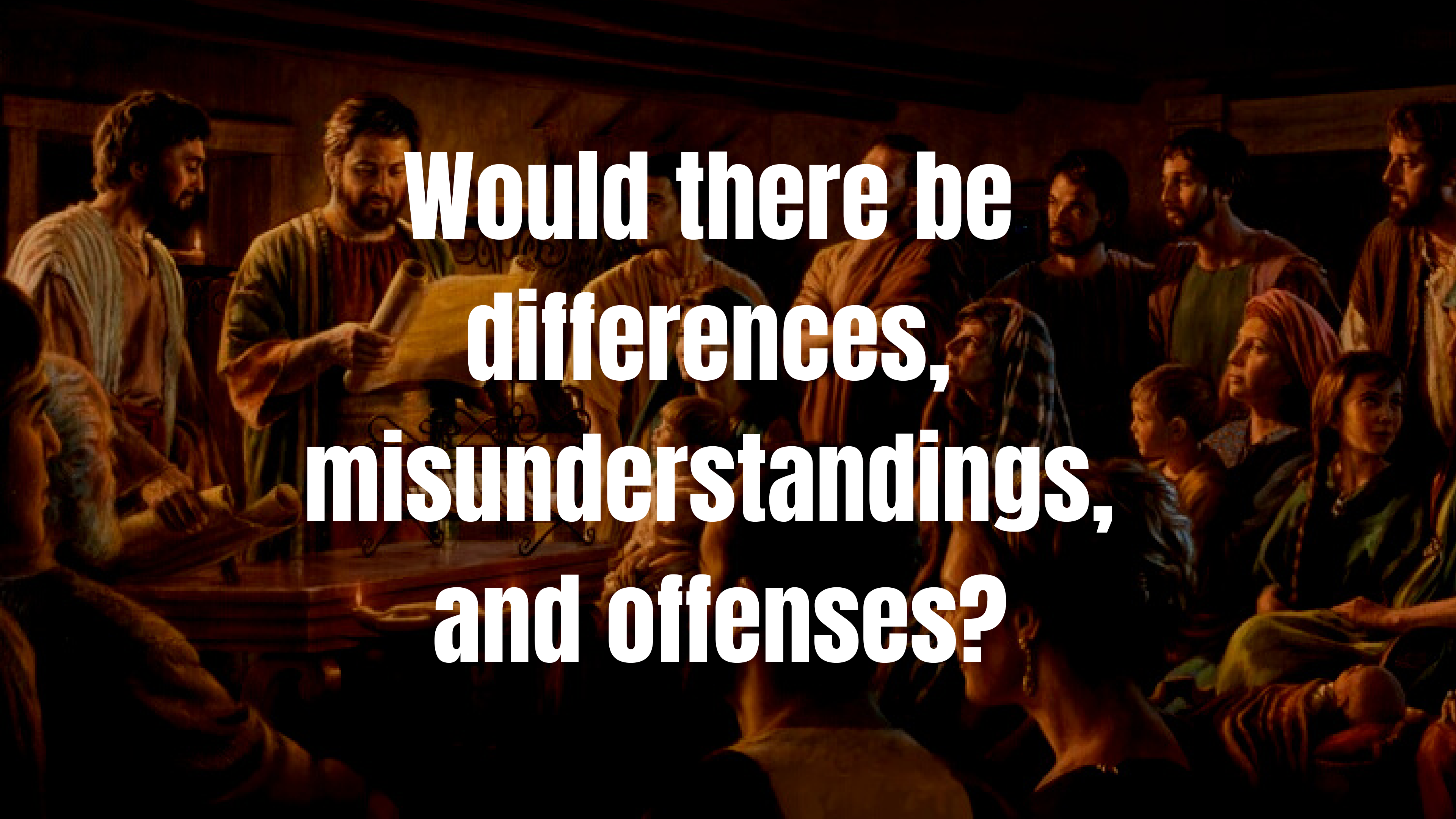












**Would there be
differences,
misunderstandings,
and offenses?**

**Is Jesus capable of bringing
people from all walks
into a new loving family?**



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“...90 percent of American churches draw 90 percent of their people from one ethnic group, and about 8 percent of American churches can be called...multiethnic....

But let’s scape the mud off that 8 percent. Studies show that...they are often little more than a white...church sprinkled with ethnic mixture.”

- Scot McKnight, A Fellowship of the Differents

I'D LIKE YOU
MORE
IF YOU WERE
MORE LIKE ME

GETTING REAL ABOUT GETTING CLOSE



JOHN ORTBERG
Bestselling Author

THE SIN OF “HOMO-SECT-UALITY”?

**“seek first the Kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things shall be
added onto you”**

(Matthew 6:33).

My Comfort

“seek first the ~~Kingdom of God~~ and
his ~~righteousness~~, and all these things shall be
My preferences ~~added onto you~~”

I will still complain about.

~~(Matthew 6:33).~~

**“Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual, but as worldly—
as infants in Christ. 2I gave you milk, not solid food, for you
were not yet ready for solid food. In fact, you are still not
ready, 3for you are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and
dissension among you, are you not worldly? Are you not
walking in the way of man? 4For when one of you says,
“I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,”
are you not mere men?”**

(1 Corinthians 3:1-5)

THE SPIRITUAL BABY CHURCH OF CORINTH:

1. They divided over the **personalities** they preferred to follow.

THE SPIRITUAL BABY CHURCH OF CORINTH:

2. They divided over which **ministry styles** they enjoyed more.

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile (ethnic), neither slave nor free (social class) nor is there male and female (gender). For you are all **one in Christ Jesus”**

(Galatians 3:28).

“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and **has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...”**

(Ephesians 2:14).

- **Is the gospel of Jesus Christ enough to unite people from all walks of life to becoming one loving family?**
- **Does Jesus Christ transform the human heart enough, where we can fellowship with those who are different?**





Joseph's Coat of Many Colors

“As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan **was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”**

(1 Samuel 18:1)

“When Joseph reached his brothers, they ripped off the fancy coat he was wearing, grabbed him, and threw him into a cistern... They took Joseph’s coat, butchered a goat, and dipped the coat in the blood. They took the fancy coat back to their father and said, “We found this. Look it over—do you think this is your son’s coat?”

(Genesis 37:23,31-32)

**Have you ever had
your heart stretched by God?**

“While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.”**

(Acts 10:44-46)

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