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(Ephesians 4:1-6 ESV) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to <u>maintain</u> the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

UNITY starts with the person of JESUS CHRIST, includes His people THE CHURCH with the plan of DISCIPLESHIP, and culminates with the purpose of REACHING THE LOST with THE GOSPEL.

| UNITY - A | to be maintained |
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(Ephesians 4:7;11-13) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith...

(2 Corinthians 5:18-20) Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

| God use me, in the ministry of reconciliation through the power of |
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| (Ephesians 6:20) I am an ambassador in chains;                     |
| Ministry of Reconciliation   |

Worship – You were planned for good

(Ephesians 1:5) In love He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will;

(Philippians 2:12-13) So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for His good pleasure.

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| 2.  | Fellowship – You were formed for  |
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|     | (Ephesians 1:6) He favored us in the Beloved.   |
|     | (1 John 4:11-12) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is perfected in us.  |
| 3.  | Discipleship – You were created to become   |
|     | (Ephesians 4:14-15) We are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ,  |
| 4.  | Ministry – You were shaped for  |
|     | (Ephesians 4:16) From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.   |
| 5.  | Evangelism – You were made for  |
|     | (Ephesians 4:17) So I say this, and affirm in the Lord, that you are to no longer walk just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their minds, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; |
|     | (Ephesians 5:1) Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.   |
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| Mir | nistry of reconciliation:   |