

Introduction (Is it really good and pleasant?)

Psalm 133:1 - Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

The good + pleasant depends on 3 things...

FAMILY OF GOD DWELLING IN COMMUNITY

③ UNDER WHAT BANNER ARE OUR FRIENDSHIPS?

① BARNABAS POLL  
56% of CHRISTIANS FEEL THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE IS ENTIRELY PRIVATE  
• WHAT DOES THIS DO TO US?

② Galatians 3:28 - There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
EPI → WALL OF HOSTILITY → PEACE

WALL OF HOSTILITY? HOSPITABLE?  
• COMMUNITY IS GOOD + PLEASANT WHEN WE ARE WALKING IN THE UNITY HE HAS PURCHASED.  
• WE CAN'T DO IT FOR YOU.

If you aren't motivated, let's look at a Jesus community.

True fellowship shares in the abundance of God.

Psalm 133:2 - It is like the precious oil on the head, running down the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

PRECIOUS ANOINTING OIL FOR AARON + DESCENDANT PRIESTS  
• FELT + SMELLED ANOINTING CONSIDERATION  
• CALLING IN WORLD

Ephesians 2:17-22 - And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

JESUS PURCHASED, WE PARTICIPATE  
PARTICIPATION CONTINGENT ON UNITY + TOGETHERNESS

• WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT THE LIFE HE BRINGS TO HIS PEOPLE? LIFE ABUNDANT  
• WHAT DO YOU LET STAND IN THE WAY OF THAT?  
• MEASURE LIFE AGAINST WORDS, NOT OTHERS.

True fellowship shares in the relief of God.

Psalm 133:3a - It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

AGRARIAN CULTURE  
PRIOR MONTHS DEPENDENT ON THIS DEW FOR FRUITFULNESS + RELIEF

Ephesians 4:14-16 - so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

we need safe spaces to be built up, relieved, equipped to grow in Jesus.

I KNOW CHURCH IS HARD, BUT...  
• HOW IS YOUR ISOLATION RELIEVING YOU?  
• IS IT PRODUCING GROWTH?  
• ARE YOU LESS ANGRY? SUSPICIOUS?  
• ARE YOU MORE PATIENT, LONGER?  
YOUR SOUL NEEDS RELIEF.

True fellowship shares in the blessing of God.

Psalm 133:3b - For there the Lord has commanded blessing, life forevermore.

• WE ALL WANT BLESSING  
• GOD IS THE ONE WHO DISPENSES BLESSING WHEN + WHERE HE DECIDES WE SHOULD PAY ATTN TO WHERE IT CAN BE FOUND.  
• Good + pleasant: God's blessing is where his ppl are gathered under banner of Jesus

ACTIVATION ENERGY  
• GOD IS OFTEN LOW + SLOW

THE DATA SUGGEST THAT, IN GENERAL, AMERICAN ADULTS DESIRE FRIENDSHIPS THAT CHALLENGE THEM. THAT'S VULNERABLE TERRITORY, BUT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN A STRONG ROLE MODEL. WHEN JESUS DISCIPLED THE 12, THE SPIRITUAL AND DAY-TO-DAY MATTERS OF THEIR LIVES INTERMINGLED. LIFE WAS NOT PRIVATE OR COMPARTMENTALIZED. MEALS AND MIRACLES, FRUSTRATION AND AFFECTION, SERMONS AND NAPS, TRIALS AND CELEBRATIONS—THEY SHARED IT ALL. CHRISTIANS SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO DO THE SAME TODAY.

• MAXIMIZE DISCIPLES  
• EVERY COMMUNITY IS HARD, WE ARE GOING TO DO ALL WE CAN TO BE ABOUT IT.  
• NO PRESSURE, BUT JOIN!