
FELLOWSHIP

THE KEY TO GREAT GODLY RELATIONSHIPS

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John 17:20-21

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The UNITY of believers is based on JESUS.

**Because of the weight of UNITY,
Jesus commands us to reconcile our differences.**

Matthew 18 guides the reconciliation process.

Matthew 18:15

If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.

**Step one in reconciliation is immediate, direct,
& private and non-judgmental.**

Matthew 18:16

“But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.”

**Step two in reconciliation is bringing in
Jesus-centered, unbiased mediators.**

Matthew 18:17a

“If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church.”

**Step three in reconciliation is bringing the matter
to the church leaders.**

Matthew 18:17b

“Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.”

**By this not being resolved, one of the members is saying that this
issue is bigger than our unity in Jesus. This is broken fellowship.
And broken fellowship is sin.**

John 13:34-35

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

**Our fellowship of love and unity tells the world that we’re
following Christ. It’s one of our most powerful tools for helping
others to find Jesus.**

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