

MY VOICE MATTERS

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OUR WORSHIP MATTERS...

1 PETER 2:4-5,9-10 NIV

...you also, like living stones, **are being built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... you are a chosen **people**, a royal **priesthood**, a holy **nation**, God's special possession, **that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light**. Once you were not a people, but **now you are the people of God...**

PSALM 133:1,3

How good and pleasant it is when God's people **live together in unity...**
there the LORD bestows **his blessing...**

GENESIS 11:1-9

...The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, **then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them...**"

HOW _____ MAKE UNITY MORE ACHIEVABLE:

Teach Accurately Model Consistently Encourage Sincerely Challenge Clearly Equip Wisely

SO WHAT CAN I DO?

COLOSSIANS 3:16 ESV

...**teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

EPHESIANS 4:29 NLT

...Let everything you say be **good and helpful**, so that your words will be **an encouragement to those who hear them**.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:21 NLT

The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you..."

HEBREWS 10:22-25 NIV

...**let us draw near to God with a sincere heart...**And **let us** consider how we may **spur one another on toward love and good deeds...encouraging one another...**

REMEMBER:

I'VE GOT _____ **TO ENCOURAGE UNITY**
WITH THOSE IN MY _____

I'm either adding to the blessing of God or taking from it.

There's an enemy that doesn't want us to receive God's blessing.

Who near me needs to hear my voice to combat the other sinister ones they're hearing?

My voice may not reach everyone in this room – but it reaches someone.

What if their victory depends on me?

PROVERBS 18:21

LUKE 6:45

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13

ON YOUR OWN:

UNITY ALLOWS US...

1. To **defeat the enemy** against us.

JUDGES 7 "Watch me," he told them... **"do exactly as I do.** When I **and all who are with me** blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'" ...**they shouted**...While **each man** held his position around the camp, **all the Midianites ran**...

2. To move **into new territory** God has for us.

JOSHUA 6 ...When the trumpets sounded, **the army shouted**, and at the sound of the trumpet, **when the men gave a loud shout**, the wall collapsed; so **everyone** charged...**they** took the city...

3. To **receive the gifts** God has promised us.

ACTS 4 ...When they heard this, **they raised their voices together** in prayer to God...

"...enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. **Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders**" ...they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and **spoke the word of God boldly**. **All the believers were one in heart and mind**...they shared everything they had.

BIBLICAL WARNINGS AGAINST GRUMBLING

1 CORINTHIANS 10:9-12

We should not test Christ, as some of them did---and were killed by snakes. And **do not grumble, as some of them did**---and were killed by the destroying angel. **These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us**, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

Exodus 5:1-22

The people complained to Moses that because of Him, Pharaoh made things worse for them.

Exodus 14:11-12

The people complained and said to Moses "leave us alone" as they faced the Red Sea barrier.

Exodus 15:22

The people complained about the bitter water.

Exodus 16:1-4

The people complained about being hungry; God gives them Manna.

Exodus 17:1-4

The people complained about being thirsty.

Exodus 32:1-28

The people complained impatiently when Moses was on the mountain. They made a calf idol.

Numbers 11

The "mixed multitude" of the people complained about food.

Numbers 12:1-12

Miriam and Aaron complain about Moses' leadership. The Lord curses Miriam with leprosy.

Numbers 14:1-10

The people complained about giants & other barriers & *refused* to enter the Promise Land.

Numbers 14:10

The people complained again and wanted to kill Moses – they try to select another leader.

Numbers 16

The key leaders rebel against Moses — God opens the earth and swallows the offenders!

Numbers 16:41

The people complained again and they accuse Moses of killing God's people.

Numbers 20:1-5

The people contended with Moses again because of no water – Moses gets angry.

Numbers 21:4-5

The people complained against God and Moses – God sends the fiery serpents to bite them.

WHY WORSHIP MATTERS...

1. WORSHIP IS A **GATEWAY TO KNOWING GOD'S WILL**...

2. **WALLS COME DOWN**

3. **MIRACULOUS VICTORY IS POSSIBLE**

4. **PRAISE PASSES UNDERSTANDING**

5. **WE ARE FOUND IN THE FURNACE**

6. **ADORATION CAN ATTRACT...OR ATROPHY**

7. **GOD WANTS TO MEET US FACE TO FACE**

8. **PRAISE PROPELS US TOWARD THE RIGHT GIANT**

9. **GOD GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE**

10. **SURRENDER WELCOMES SOLACE**

11. **JESUS SAID LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD...**

12. **THERE IS ONE ON THE THRONE**

(ROMANS 12:1–2)

(JOSHUA 6)

(2 CHRONICLES 20)

(ACTS 16)

(DANIEL 3)

(2 SAMUEL 6)

(EXODUS 33)

(1 SAMUEL 17:45–47)

(LUKE 7)

(GENESIS 22)

(MARK 12:30)

(REVELATION 4–5)