



The Prayer of Agreement

The Prayer Series | Message #6

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Matthew 18:19 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“I also tell you this: If two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.”

Matthew 18:19 THE PASSION TRANSLATION

“Again, I give you an eternal truth: If two of you agree to ask God for something in a symphony of prayer, my heavenly Father will do it for you.”

Jesus' Prayer in John 17:21

NEW LIVING: “I pray that they will all be one...”

THE MESSAGE: “The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind...”

Our Lack of Unity is Hurting the Church and World

“Many Christians have embraced the worst aspects of our culture and our politics. When the Christian faith is politicized, churches become repositories not of grace but of grievances, places where tribal identities are reinforced, where fears are nurtured, and where aggression and nastiness are sacralized. The result is not only wounding the nation; it’s having a devastating impact on the Christian faith.” [Peter Wehner, “The Evangelical Church Is Breaking Apart,” *The Atlantic*, October 24, 2021]

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It would be easy to reduce Jesus' statement in Matthew 18:19 to a transaction — we do this, God does that

It's so much more than that. Jesus is pointing us to the shared place of the Father's heart, to community's true home.



There's Safety in Numbers

Ecclesiastes 4:12 “A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken” NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Amos 3:3: “Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?” NEW KING JAMES VERSION

Unity and Agreement Invite the Presence of God

Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

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We're Not Talking Big Numbers Here!

“Two believers united in holy desire and solemn prayer will have great power with God. Instead of despising the verdict of so small a gathering we ought to respect it as the Father does.”

—Charles Haddon Spurgeon



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