



The Well

an ordinary place
where extraordinary
things happen

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That they may be



That they may be **ONE**

PART 1: WHY WE NEED EACH OTHER

“That they all may be ONE, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

John 17:21

BIG IDEA #1

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we NEED one another.**

**We don't just put up with differences;
we EMBRACE differences.**

“But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker ARE NECESSARY.” 1 Corinthians 12:20-22

“Forgive them for they know not what they do. For they do not know that there are not two lives in the universe, but one, and that there are not two men in the universe but one. O how dead are those who cut the heart in half!...For all the history of mankind, from Adam to me, a sinner, I repent; for all history is in my blood. For I am in Adam and Adam in me.”

Prayers by the Lake, by St. Nikolai Velimirovic

“Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.” Proverbs 26:12

DIVERSITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

“But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.”
Acts 10:28

“So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, JUST AS HE DID TO US, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith... We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.”
Acts 15:8-11

BIG IDEA #2

My salvation is directly tied to the salvation of people different than me.

“Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants... even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Isaiah 56:6-7

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PART 2: UNITY WITHOUT UNIFORMITY

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“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

Key thought: Just because there are many wrong ways, doesn't mean there's only one right way.

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.”
Psalm 133:1

Example #1: The 12 Apostles

“They were a microcosm of church they would begin-- each unique, but each having his own special place and work.” John MacArthur

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.” 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

Example #2: The Early Church

“Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.” Acts 6:1

“And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.” Acts 6:5-6

The bishop of Rome (Victor) attempted to “cut off from the common unity all the Asian dioceses together with neighboring churches on the ground of heterodoxy and pilloried them in letters in which he announced the total excommunication of all his fellow-Christians there. But this was not to the taste of the all the bishops; they replied with a request that he would turn his mind to the things that make for peace and for unity and love towards his neighbors.” Eusebius: History of the Church from Christ to Constantine

“For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.” 1 Corinthians 10:17

“Remember, Lord, they Church, to deliver it from all evil and to make it perfect in they love, and gather it together in its holiness from the four winds to they kingdom which thou hast prepared for it. For thine is the power and the glory for ever.” Didache 10:5

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PART 3: MAKE US ONE

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THREE MINDSET SHIFTS

1. No one can do it alone, not even me.

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“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Ephesians 4:12-16

2. I choose to believe the best in others; not assume the worst.

“When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.” 1 Samuel 17:28

3. I will make Jesus’ love my standard, not my moonshot.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

What if people were skeptical about our beliefs, but envious about the way we treated one another?

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