Fellowship in Times of Division



Explore how to choose unity over conflict through biblical fellowship, fostering peace and love despite challenges and divisions.





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Introduction

Fellowship is a cornerstone of Christian life, yet in times of division, it can become challenging to maintain unity and peace. *Choosing unity over conflict* is not just a call to avoid disagreements but a deliberate decision to walk in love, grace, and understanding even when differences arise.

Throughout Scripture, God emphasizes the importance of community—believers supporting one another, bearing each other's burdens, and striving for harmony. However, human nature often pushes us toward division, fueled by misunderstandings, pride, or external pressures. This study will guide you through how God calls us to practice true fellowship that transcends conflict, emphasizing unity and reconciliation.

As we dive into God's Word, you will be encouraged to examine your heart and relationships within your faith community. You'll reflect on what it means to seek peace proactively and embody the love of Christ, even when faced with division. Through daily Scripture, devotionals, and reflective questions, this study invites you to embrace the transforming power of fellowship—choosing unity that reflects the heart of Jesus.

















Your Verse

Ephesians 4:3 – "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 17:21 "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."
- Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"







Devotional: Embracing Our God-Given Unity

Unity is not optional for Christians; it is a divine calling rooted in the very nature of God. In Ephesians 4:3, Paul exhorts us to "make every effort" to preserve the unity that the Holy Spirit gives us through peace. But what does this look like in times of division? It means intentionally seeking to understand, reconcile, and value one another above personal preferences or conflicts.

Jesus prayed for unity among believers, signaling how precious it is to God (John 17:21). Our unity is a witness to the world of God's transforming power in us. Psalm 133 reminds us that living together in harmony brings God's blessing in abundance.

Today, reflect on how youGuard unity carefully in your relationships. Are there areas where division has crept in? Ask God to help you pursue peace proactively and embody true fellowship, even when it's challenging.







Reflect and Apply

What does unity mean to you personally? How does it affect your relationship with God and others?
In what ways can you 'make every effort' to maintain unity in your current relationships?
How does understanding Jesus' prayer for unity impact your view of fellowship?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time when you experienced true unity in a difficult situation.
2.	List practical steps you can take to foster peace in your community.
	Reflect on any divisions you've witnessed or experienced; how might God want you to respond?







Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for calling us into unity through Your Spirit. Help me to be a peacemaker and to "make every effort" to preserve the unity You desire for Your people. Teach me to love and value others above conflicts, and to reflect Jesus' heart in all my relationships. Strengthen me to choose peace and reconciliation, especially in times of division. May my life be a testimony of Your divine fellowship and grace. In Jesus' powerful name, Amen. \triangle

















Your Verse

Romans 12:18 - "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
- Colossians 3:13 "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone."







Devotional: Choosing Peace Through Forgiveness

Peace is the fruit of intentional choices in our relationships. Romans 12:18 challenges us to live at peace with everyone, as much as it depends on us. This does not mean sacrificing truth or ignoring wrongdoing, but actively seeking harmony and forgiveness where conflicts arise.

Jesus called peacemakers blessed, highlighting the spiritual reward for those who foster peace rather than division. Colossians echoes this by urging us to bear with one another's faults and forgive grievances, offering grace as Christ has given to us.

Living in fellowship means that we prioritize peace and reconciliation, even when it is difficult. It means stepping down from pride and the desire to be right, instead valuing relationships and community health above personal wins.

Today, ask God to show you where you can be a peacemaker. Who needs your forgiveness? Where can you act to preserve peace? Remember: peace often requires courageous, humble action grounded in love.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What challenges do you face when trying to live at peace with others?
2.	How can forgiveness transform your relationships and the community around you?
3.	In what ways can you embody the role of a peacemaker today?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a conflict you can address by seeking peace or offering forgiveness.
2.	Reflect on how Jesus models peacemaking and how you can imitate Him
	List specific actions you can take to promote peace in your circles of fellowship.







Prayer for Today

Lord, in a world filled with conflict, teach me to be a peacemaker. Help me to forgive others as You have forgiven me, and to seek peace as far as it depends on me. Give me courage to step into reconciliation and humility to prioritize unity over being right. Let Your peace reign in my heart and relationships. Guide me to live full of Your grace and love. Amen. 😂 🎔 🚨

















Your Verse

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 – "Love is patient, love is kind... it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
- Galatians 5:14 "For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself.""







Devotional: Love That Bridges Divides

Love is the foundation that undergirds every healthy relationship and fellowship. Paul's description in 1 Corinthians 13 paints a picture of love that is patient and kind—qualities that build bridges instead of walls. Love protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres, even when divisions tempt us to respond otherwise.

Jesus commanded us to love one another just as He has loved us (John 13:34). This radical love goes beyond feelings—it's an action and a commitment to seek the good of others. Galatians reminds us that loving our neighbor fulfills God's law; it is the ultimate path to unity.

When we choose love in times of division, we create safe spaces for dialogue and healing. Love invites understanding and diminishes fears. Even in disagreement, love encourages us to listen, respect, and honor each other's humanity.

Reflect on how love can change your response to conflict. Let love motivate your actions to restore and strengthen fellowship.







Reflect and Apply

	How does Paul's description of love challenge the way you usually respond to conflict?
	What does choosing love look like in your current relationships, especially when you disagree?
3.	How can love be a tool for healing divisions in your community?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a situation where love helped to restore a fractured relationship.
2.	List qualities of love from 1 Corinthians 13 that you need to grow in.
3.	Write a prayer asking God to help you love others as Christ loves you.







Prayer for Today

Father, teach me to love as You love—with patience, kindness, and perseverance. Help me to embody a love that builds bridges and heals division. When I'm tempted to respond in anger or pride, remind me to choose love instead. Enable me to see others through Your eyes and to act with grace and compassion. May Your love flow through me to bring unity and restoration. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🎾 📇 🙏 📋

















Day 4: ① Guarding Against Division

Your Verse

James 3:16 – "For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 6:16–19 "...a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil..."
- Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."







Day 4: ① Guarding Against Division

Devotional: Humility Guards Unity from Division

Division often arises from hidden roots such as envy, selfish ambition, and pride. James 3:16 warns us that these attitudes lead to disorder and evil practices, threatening the fellowship God desires.

Proverbs lists behaviors that disrupt community—schemes, quickness to evil, and sowing discord among brothers. These destructive patterns can flourish if we don't guard our hearts carefully.

Paul's encouragement in Philippians to act in humility, valuing others above ourselves, offers the antidote. When we intentionally reject selfish ambition and cultivate humility, we create fertile ground for unity and healthy fellowship.

Today, examine your heart for any seeds of envy, pride, or selfishness. Invite the Holy Spirit to expose and remove these, replacing them with humility and love to protect the unity Christ wants for His church.







Day 4: **(** Guarding Against Division

Reflect and Apply

	What negative attitudes might be causing division in your relationships or community?
2.	How does humility act as a safeguard against conflict and disunity?
3.	In what ways can you practice valuing others above yourself daily?







Day 4: **(**) Guarding Against Division

Journaling Prompts

Write about a time when pride or selfishness stirred conflict and how it was resolved.
Identify any areas where you struggle with envy or ambition and ask God for help.
List concrete ways to grow in humility and guard your heart against division.







Day 4: ① Guarding Against Division

Prayer for Today

Lord, reveal any envy, selfish ambition, or pride hidden in my heart. Help me to reject these attitudes and embrace humility by valuing others above myself. Guard my fellowship from division, and cultivate in me a spirit that pursues peace and unity. May I be an instrument of Your restoration and love in every relationship. Amen.

Amen.

















Day 5: 💥 Walking Together in Faith

Your Verse

Hebrews 10:24–25 – "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together..."

Supporting Scriptures

- Acts 2:42 "All the believers were together and had everything in common."
- Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 "Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."







Day 5: 🗱 Walking Together in Faith

Devotional: Commitment to Fellowship and Encouragement

Fellowship is not just a one-time event but a continuous journey of walking together in faith. Hebrews 10:24–25 encourages believers to spur one another on toward love and good deeds and not to abandon meeting together, especially when division tempts us to isolate.

The early church demonstrated this beautifully in Acts 2 by sharing life and supporting each other wholeheartedly. Similarly, Ecclesiastes reminds us that companionship provides strength and encouragement.

Walking together means bearing one another's burdens, encouraging growth, and celebrating progress as a unified body of Christ. It means choosing unity over isolation, conflict, or apathy.

As you close this study, commit to actively pursuing fellowship that strengthens faith and love. Remember, you are not alone—God has placed you in community to walk boldly and lovingly, even through challenges.







Day 5: 🎇 Walking Together in Faith

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does regular fellowship encourage your spiritual growth?
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	What steps can you take to more actively support and spur on others in faith?
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	In times of division, how can choosing community impact your walk with God?
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Day 5: 🎇 Walking Together in Faith

Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe how consistent fellowship has influenced your life positively.
2.	List ways you can contribute to building up your faith community.
	Write a commitment statement to pursue fellowship even in challenging times.







Day 5: XX Walking Together in Faith

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the gift of community and fellowship. Help me to not give up meeting together with Your people, but to encourage and support one another in love and good deeds. Strengthen my commitment to walk faithfully with others, spurring them on and allowing them to spur me. May our unity be a shining light in a divided world. In Jesus' name, Amen. 💸 😷









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