



LIVING MORE LIKE JESUS

STRENGTHENING OUR UNITY

2 Corinthians 6:11-13

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2 Cor. 6:11 *We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.*

12 *You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections.*

13 *In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.*

(ESV)

1. Speak _____ (v.11)

2. Love _____ (v.12)

3. Appeal _____ (v.13)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 17:20-23**. Why do you think Jesus made unity such a central part of his final prayer, and how can remembering that prayer shape the way we treat one another in our church today as we go about his work now?
2. Read **Proverbs 12:18** and **Colossians 4:6**. We've all received needed and necessary words at times—sometimes spoken well, other times poorly. What habits can help you make sure your words build unity and deepen affection within the church rather than wounding others?
3. Read **Galatians 5:14-15**. When relationships get tense, what helps you resist the pull toward pettiness and instead love in the larger, Christlike way Paul consistently modeled?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 6:13** and **Colossians 3:12-15**. Just as Paul urged the Corinthians to “widen their hearts,” what specific attitudes or actions from Colossians 3 can help you do the same when you face struggles in your relationships within the church?
5. Read **Luke 6:35** and **Philippians 4:1-3**. If you were helping Euodia and Syntyche, what would you say it means for them to live out the love and grace Jesus describes in Luke 6:35?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 15-23 – **The Fight to Harness Our Words**
Msg. 17-14 – **Loving God's Flawed People**
Msg. 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**
Msg. 19-36 – **The Unrivalled Fellowship of God's Church**
Msg. 16-23 – **Kindness & Encouragement**
Msg. 11-34 – **Working Harder at Love & Unity**
Msg. 21-35 – 21-39 – **A Unified Church** (a six-part series)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Oct. 12thIs.48-49 & Col.4
Oct. 13thIs.50-52 & 1Th.1
Oct. 14thIs.53-55 & 1Th.2
Oct. 15thIs.56-58 & 1Th.3
Oct. 16thIs.59-61 & 1Th.4
Oct. 17thIs.62-64 & 1Th.5
Oct. 18thIs.65-66 & 2Th.1
Oct. 19thJer.1-2 & 2Th.2

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **From Forgiven to Forgiving**. Calvary Press, 1997.
Brauns, Chris. **Unpacking Forgiveness: Biblical Answers for Complex Questions**. Crossway, 2008.
Carson, D. A. **Love in Hard Places**. Crossway Books, 2002.
Dever, Mark, and Jamie Dunlop. **The Compelling Community**. Crossway, 2015.
Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.
Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.
MacArthur, John. **The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness**. Crossway, 2009.
Mayhall, Carole. **Words that Hurt; Words that Heal**. NavPress, 2007.
Ralevic, Simo. **The Tongue: Our Measure**. Banner of Truth, 1996.
Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.
Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy**. NG Press, 2008.
Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
Welch, Edward T. **Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love**. Crossway, 2015.