

Summer Study

2024 – Session Three



Review

From Week

One and Two

HAPPY TOGETHER

I can't see me lovin' the Lord without you

For all my life

When you're with me, I know that He is there, too

For all my life

Me and you, and you and me

No matter what this life will bring, I know we'll see

That He is working all for good for you and me

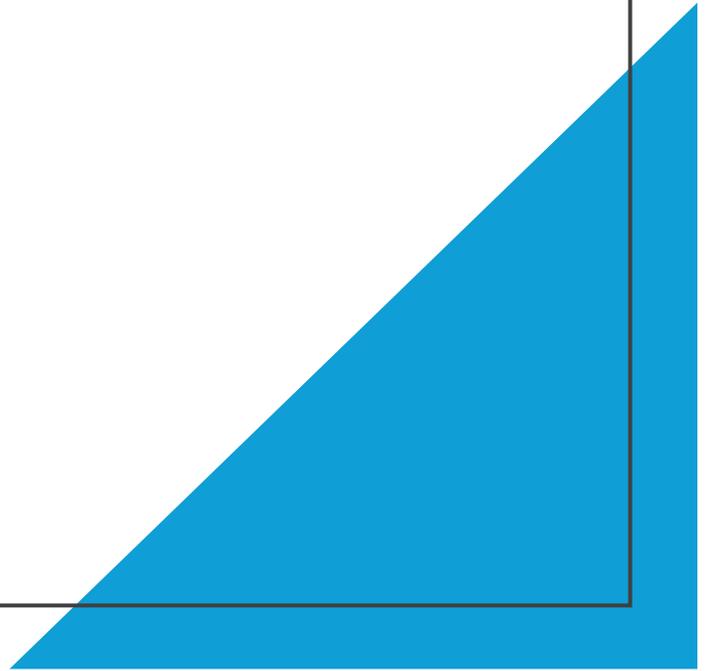
So HAPPY TOGETHER

“Help” by **The Beatles**

Help me if you can, I'm feeling down
And I do appreciate you being 'round
Help me get my feet back on the ground
Won't you please, please help me

And
from
1977...

**Let's go
to**



Luckenbach, Texas

Let's go to Luckenbach, Texas
With Waylon and Willie and the boys
This successful life we're living
Got us feuding like the Hatfields and McCoys
Between the Hank Williams' pain songs
An' Newberry's train songs
An' Blue Eyes Cryin' In The Rain
Out in Luckenbach, Texas
There ain't nobody feeling no pain

Luckenbach, Texas

—
So baby, let's sell your diamond ring
And buy some boots and faded jeans and go away
This coat and tie is choking me
In your high society, you cry all night
We've been so busy keeping up with the Jones
A four-car garage and we're still building on
Maybe it's time we got back to the basics of love

Our Position – Past Tense

- Dead in trespasses and sins in which you once walked
- Following the course of this world
- Following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
- Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh
- Carrying out the desires of the body and mind
- Were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind

Our
Position –
**Present
Tense**

But God,....
made us alive
“together”
with Christ!!

Our
Position –
**Present
Tense**

- Raised us up with him
- Seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

I Corinthians 12: 24 b - 26

But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

What our Culture has to say:

I have no “need” of you!

The “weaker” parts are dispensable!

Strive to earn the greater honor!

Self reliance is a good thing!

Don't ever be a burden to anyone!

Stay away from “messy” people!

Control your emotions!

WE ARE TOGETHER!

We are no longer alone!

We have been made alive together with Christ!

We are a part of a body!

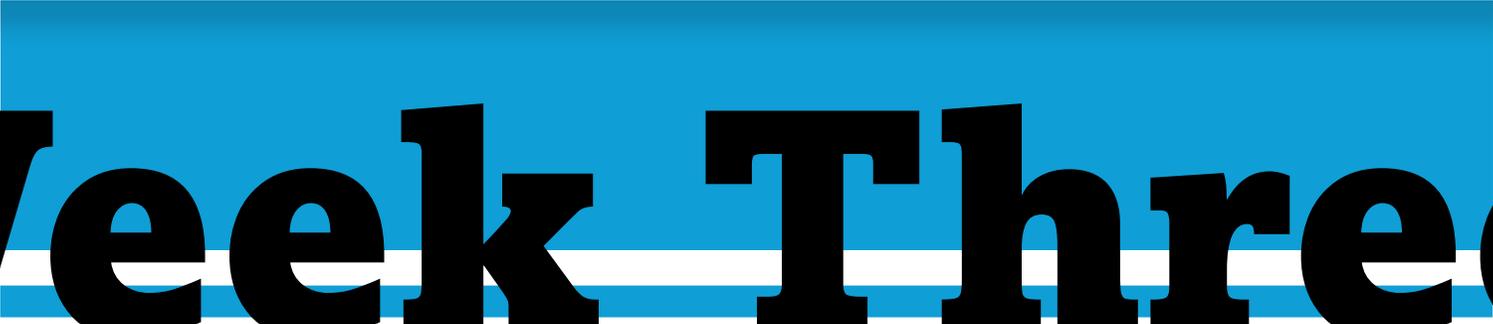
We no longer have to be self-reliant.

We no longer need to fear being a burden to others.



Now For

Week Three!



Psalm 133

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

“Good and Pleasant” You like that?

- **Good**

- *ṭôḇ* (Hebrew): good, pleasant, agreeable

- **Pleasant**

- *Nā'îm* (Hebrew): pleasant, delightful, sweet, lovely, agreeable

What is your answer?

How good and pleasant it is when ...

Possible Answers

Things go my way

People agree with me

No one interrupts me

I win

I am on vacation

David's Answer?

You might find it to be
a bit surprising!

**How good and
pleasant it is...**

**when brothers
dwell in unity.**

'āḥ (*Hebrew*): **Brothers**

1. brother of same parents
2. half-brother (same father)
3. relative, kinship, same tribe
4. each to the other (reciprocal relationship)
5. (fig.) of resemblance

Dwell

yāšab (Hebrew):

to dwell, remain, sit, abide

Dwell

Webster's Definition:

to remain for a time, to live as a resident

Unity

yaḥad (Hebrew):

1. union, unitedness

2. together, altogether,
all together, alike

**Why in the world
would that be**

**—
THE ANSWER?!!**

Jesus in John 17

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, **so that** the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

**How utterly
miserable
it is...**

**when brothers
live divided.**

What did David mean by this..

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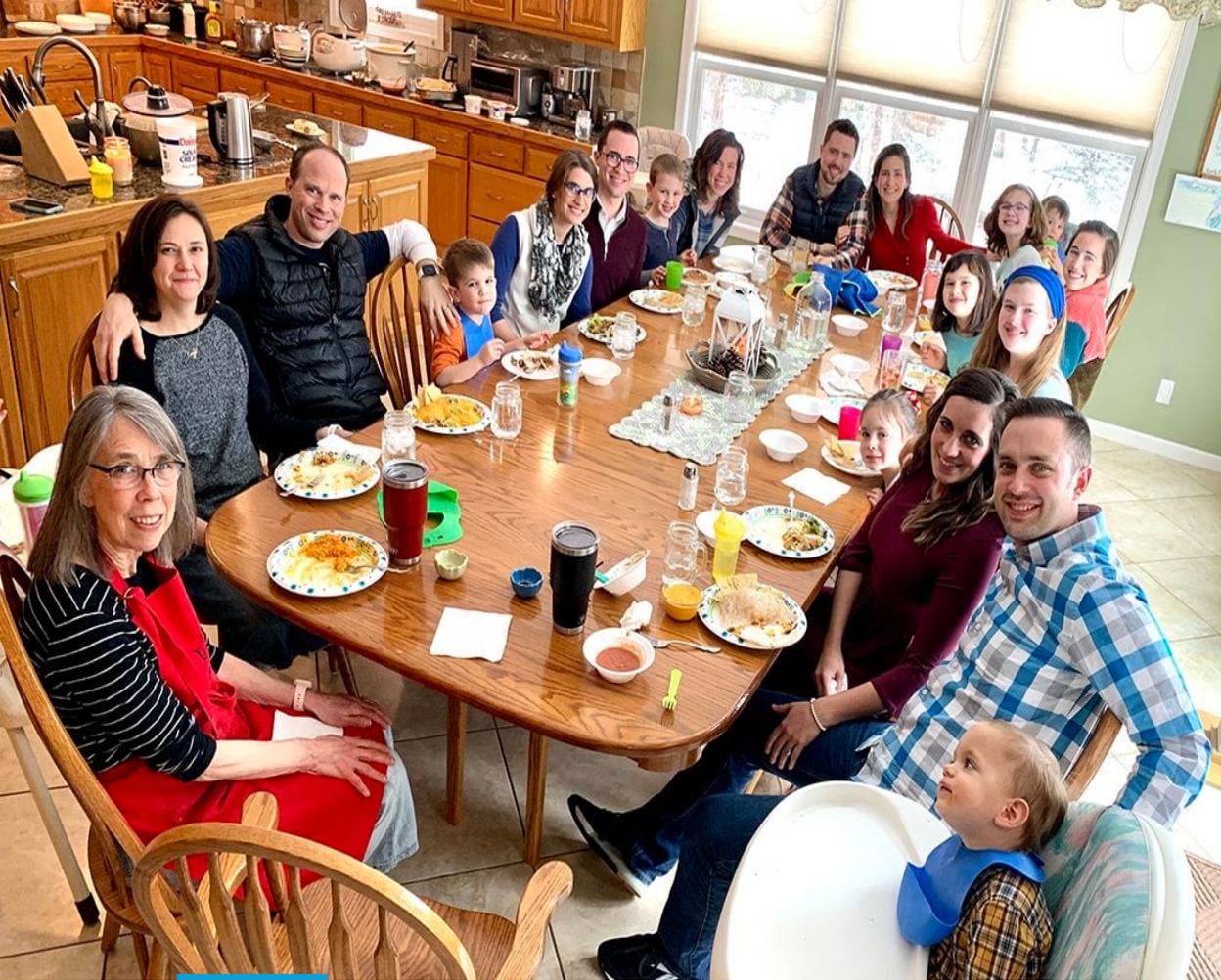
DEEP, DEEP JOY



A Beautiful Fragrance



REFRESHING



**SWEET FELLOWSHIP &
EVEN WORSHIPFUL**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Life Together

In his classic work *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer begins by citing Psalm 133: 1. Bonhoeffer's slender volume recounts his experience in Finkenwalde living in community with twenty-five vicars even as Hitler and the Third Reich advanced their cause by crushing all those in their way, including the Confessing Church in Germany. In such a destructive environment, one could have been forgiven if he or she gave little attention to matters such as common worship, personal prayer, Christian service, and confession to one another, to name but a few of the practices addressed by Bonhoeffer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – “Life Together”

Yet he understood well that it was not the practices themselves that created the community’s bond of unity, rather, it was the community’s life lived together in the presence of Christ. Bonhoeffer writes, **“Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this...We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ.”** Those ministers of the Confessing Church who gathered in Finkenwalde were unified in their belief in Jesus, and their common belief in him created their unity.

Enemies of Unity

- I'm right, your wrong!
- Needing to agree on everything
- Inability to listen
- My way or the highway!
- Unforgiveness
- Pettiness

A Story

Your Story?



**Invite Your
FRIENDS AND
FAMILY**

TO BE TOGETHER

LIVING LIFE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

6-WEEK STUDY - JUNE/JULY

TUESDAY MORNING MEN - 7 A.M.

WEDNESDAY CO-ED CLASS - 7 P.M.

Next Week: Romans 12: 3 - 8

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Discussion Questions

What do you think David might have been trying to address in this Psalm?

Do you agree with David's assessment about the benefits of "unity"? Why?

How does David's word "unity" and our word "together" connect?

What is it in our society that makes "unity" so difficult?

What is it in your life that can make "unity" so difficult?