

"Unify"

Origin: Early 16th century: from French unifier or late Latin unificare 'make into a whole'.

Definition: Make or become united, uniform, or whole

It has taken me awhile to put this word up because of personal internal struggles I have been dealing with. I received this word from the Lord back in February. Every week He would bring it up to me and I felt like I could not put it up or speak on it because I did not feel (within myself) the message the Lord wanted to convey. I felt isolated and alone instead of unified with the Body of Christ. Every week the Lord brought this up I would ask Him if I could have another word because I didn't feel comfortable with posting a word I myself was having trouble experiencing (at least in that particular season).

Sometimes we go through periods where we feel no one else will understand what we are going through, especially people in our churches. There is this false mentality that we have to portray a perfect image when we are in church when in actuality we are broken, broken, broken. Friends, be sure to understand one thing; nobody, and I mean nobody except Jesus Christ Himself is perfect. We all have struggles everyday. The key is to find people you can trust 100% to be open about your struggles. What I find when I open up to those I trust and that are believers is that sometimes someone will have already gone through exactly whatever it is I am facing. They are able to speak into my life and help me out of the pit of despair. I also find that I am able to speak into others lives because of past struggles I have experienced when they open up to me. We are called to be the Body of Christ. We are not called to be individual members. We cannot function without one another.

Some may be reading this and thinking that when they open up to someone they come away feeling worse than they did before they opened up. Guess what? You are not alone. That has happened to many of us also. Here is how to deal with that. Go directly to God. Ask Him to help you forgive whomever it is. Then ask Him to bring someone into your life that can help steward your growth and that you will be able to trust. It has worked for me and I am sure it will work for you because our God is faithful to give us that which we seek according to His will. He does not want us to be alone nor does He want us to harbor any thing that keeps us bound.

I want to share a vision I had about a year or so ago. This vision was so disgusting (at the time anyway due to my lack of understanding of its meaning) that it shook me to the core. In the vision I saw a baby. The head was very large but the body was limp and every member (arms and legs) was shriveled to an unfunctional capacity. The baby had to be carried

everywhere. After many months of pondering this vision Holy Spirit was finally able to break through and give me the meaning. It was partly for me because I was unable to feel unified with the Body. The other part is the Body of Christ as a whole. The Lord was telling me that many members were not operating in full capacity with the Head (myself included). Not too long ago I had the same vision but some of the members had grown though not all. God is telling us that the members (you and I) need to grow into the Head (Jesus Christ) and function in unity with one another otherwise we are not functioning as the Body of Christ. Get plugged in if you are not already. Let His Word speak to you on a daily basis; find someone you can be 100% open with about your struggles. We are not called to hold onto to anything but to bear one another's burdens according to our strength. Peace and God's unfailing love to each and every one of us.

Bible Verses:

- **1 Corinthians 12:12-31** - For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be? 20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. 21 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.” 22 No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23 And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, 24 but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.
- **Romans 12:3-8** - For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he

who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

- **Ephesians 4:11-16** - And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 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.
- **Galatians 6:1-5** - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.
- **Acts 2:46-47** - So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.
- **Acts 4:27-31** - "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. 29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

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