



**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE  
TRULY ONE IN CHRIST?**

# John 17:21-23 MSG

21 The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind - Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, so they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me

**22 The same glory you gave  
me, I gave them, so they'll be as  
unified and together as we are**

**23 I in them and you in me.**

**Then they'll be mature in this  
oneness, and give the godless  
world evidence that you've sent  
me and loved them In the same  
way you've loved me.**



# One Heart And One Mind

**The One-heart-and-mind  
speaks to a  
union of spirit  
and a union of choice.**



# Growing In Oneness

**Our maturity in living out the one-heart-and-mind prayer of our Lord is the most powerful testimony to a desperate world that the Messiah actually came in the person of Jesus.**

**A believers most  
effective evangelism  
tool is how he treats  
his brother.**



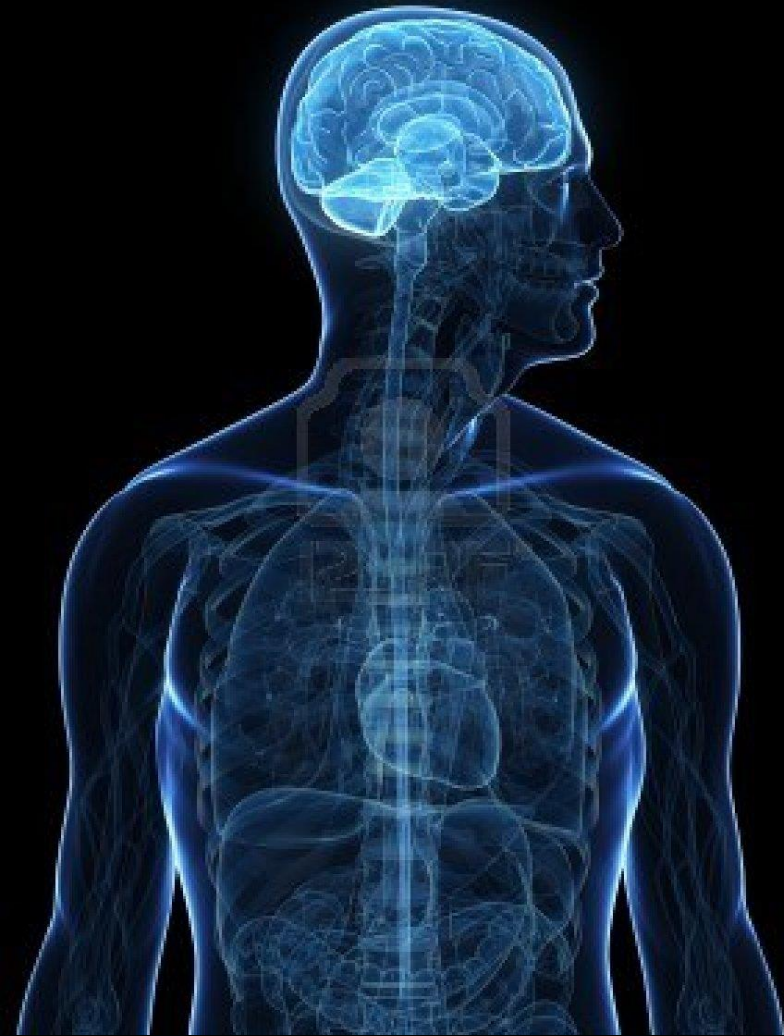


# Use knowledge to help you stay in agreement



**Our union with Christ  
is so intimate that  
there's no distinction  
between Gods love  
for you and His love  
for Jesus.**

# Meaning And Function



# Rom 12:3-5 MSG

**The only accurate way  
to understand  
ourselves is by what  
God is and by what he  
does for us, not by  
what we are and what  
we do for him.**

**4 In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around.**

**5 The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body.**

# **I Cor 12:12-14 MSG**

**Your body has many parts  
- limbs, organs, cells -  
but no matter how many  
parts you can name,  
you're still one body. It's  
exactly the same with  
Christ.**

**13 By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to Independently call our own shots,....**

**..but then we entered  
into a large and  
integrated life in which  
he has the final say in  
everything. (This is what  
we proclaimed in word and  
action when we were  
baptized.)**

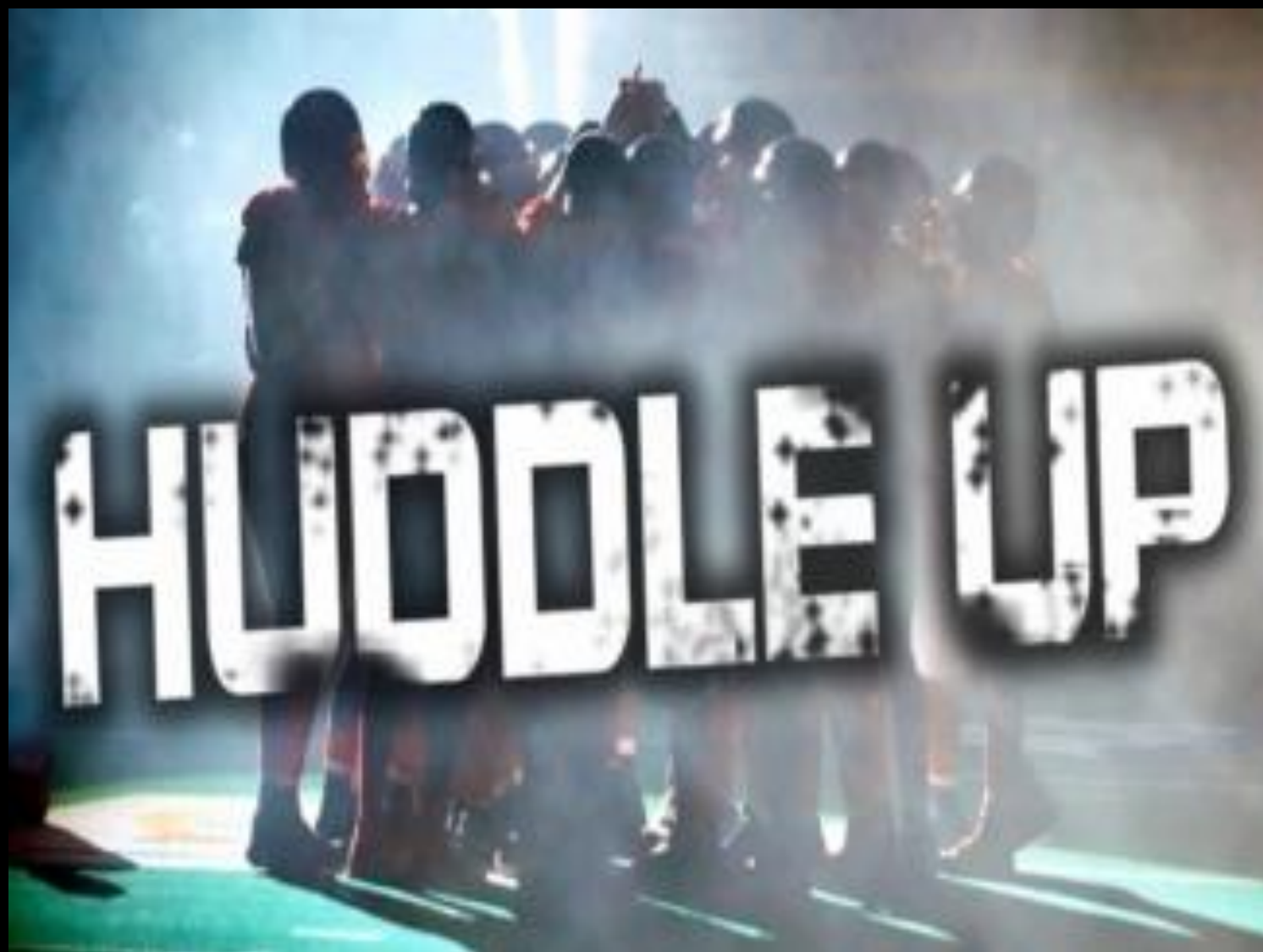
**Each of us is now a part  
of his resurrection body,  
refreshed and sustained  
at one fountain - his Spirit  
- where we all come to  
drink.**

**The old labels we once  
used to identify ourselves  
- labels like Jew or Greek,  
slave or free - are no longer  
useful. We need something  
larger, more  
comprehensive.**

**14 I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together.**

**18 ...God has carefully  
placed each part of the body  
right where he wanted it. 19  
But I also want you to think  
about how this keeps your  
significance from getting  
blown up into self-  
importance.**

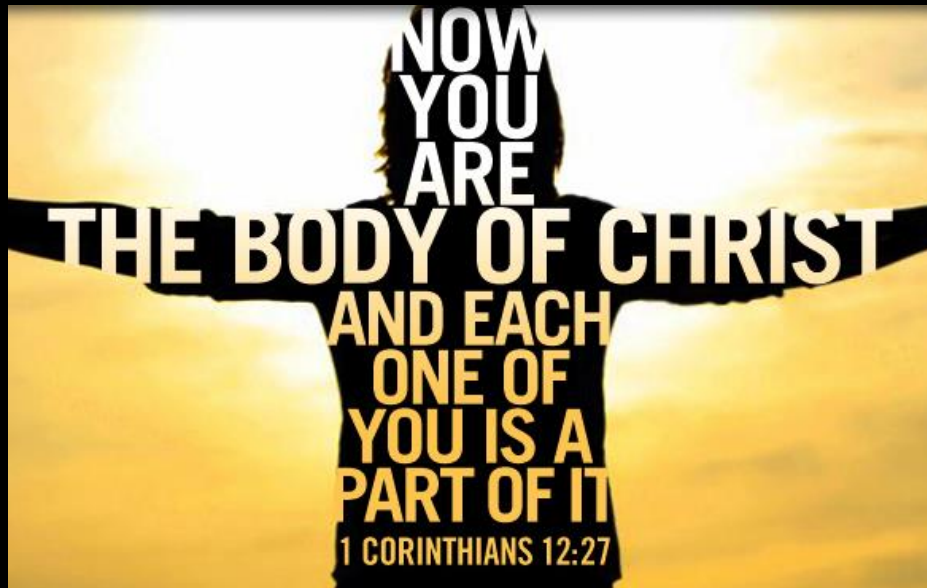
**For no matter how  
significant you are, it is  
only because of what  
you are a part of.**



**25 The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't,**

**26 the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. . If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.**

**27 You are Christ's body  
that's who you are!  
You must never forget this.**



# THE MISUNDERSTOOD ALTAR AT GELILOTH



**The entire congregation  
of God wants an  
explanation.**

# Crime of Peor

**“To this day we aren't rid of it, still living with the fallout of the plague on the congregation of God!”**

# Crime of Peor

**“If you rebel against God today, tomorrow the entire congregation of Israel, all of us, will be judged.”**

# Crime of Peor

**“Don't rebel against God  
and don't rebel  
against us.”**

# Crime of Achan

**“Didn't anger fall on the  
whole congregation?”**

# Crime of Achan

**“He wasn't the only one  
to die for his sins.”**

**This generation  
understood that God  
dealt not just with the  
individual but also with  
the entire nation or  
congregation when sin  
is not addressed.**

- **Ai battle was lost**
- **36 men died**
- **Families devastated**
- **Joshua is stunned**
- **National crisis**

**We rise as one**

**We fall as one**

**We succeed as one**

**We fail as one**

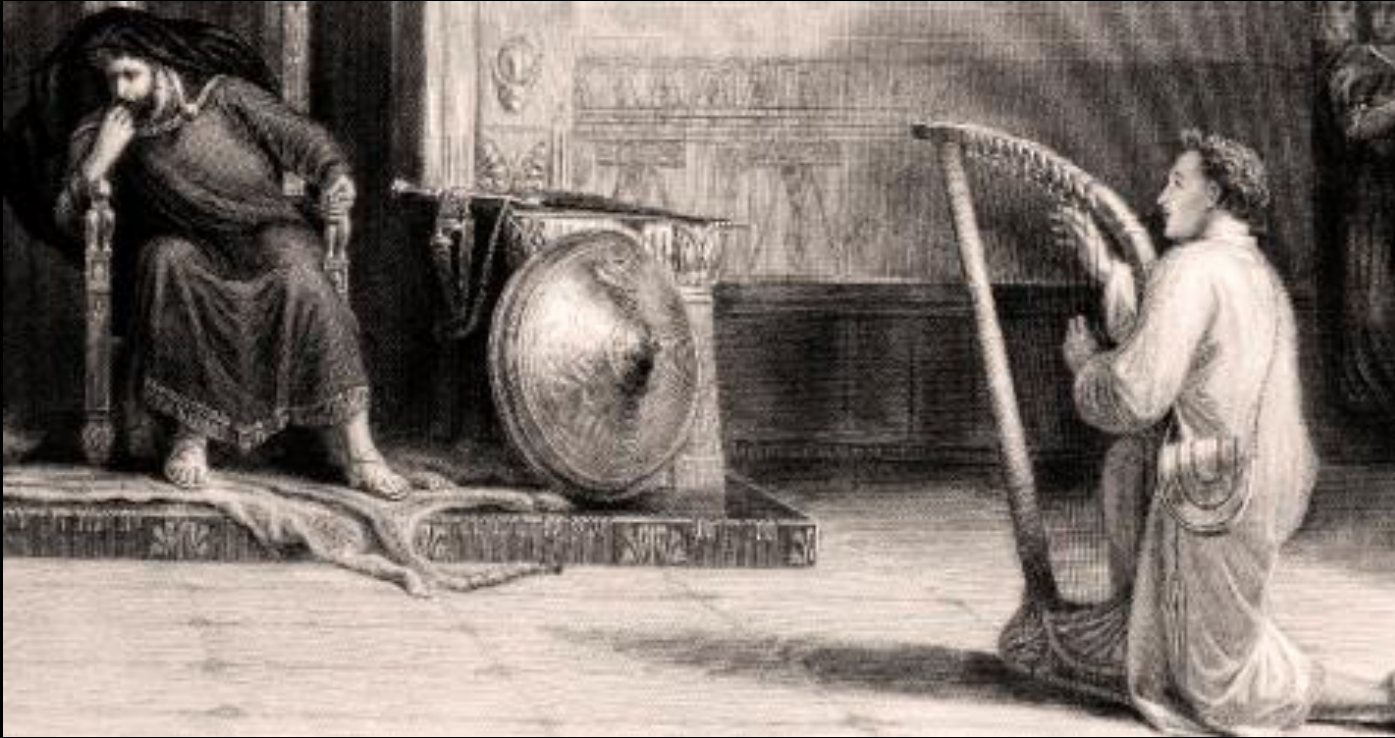
# The priest Eli



# Philistine Possession of the Ark Chest of God



# King Saul



- **Demonized**
- **Mentally unstable**
- **Depressed**
- **Paranoid**
- **Rage-full**
- **Attempted to murder David  
more than once**

- **Attempted to murder his son Jonathan**
- **Murdered all the priests except one**
- **Became so obsessed with tracking down David that he turned his entire army into a one man hunt**

- **His prayers are no longer answered**
- **He consults a witch**
- **He is killed by an Amalekite**

# The Adultery of King David



- **David begins to lie**
- **He attempts to cover up his sin**
- **He kills 17 other men (soldiers)**
- **He destroys multiple families**
- **Unleashed violence in his own home**

- **Opened up a spirit of adultery in his home**
- **Opened up incest and rape in his home**
- **The child born out of adultery dies**

- **Tragically traumatized and emotionally scarred Bathsheba for life**
- **A coup d'état (Absalom's Rebellion) leading to the death of thousands of Israelites.**

# David's Census



**70,000 + people died.**

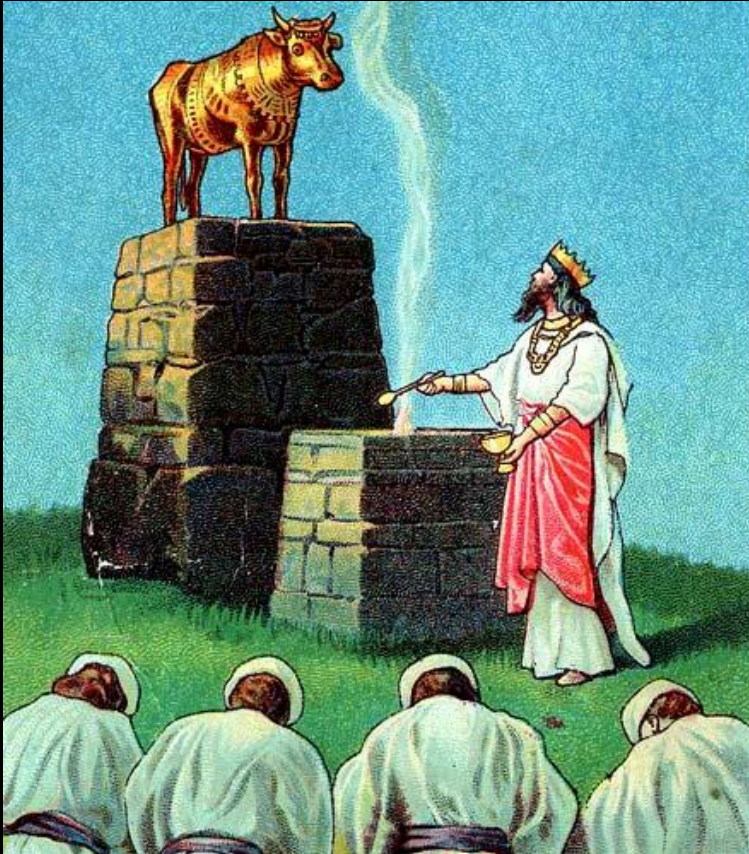
**(As if the city of  
Lee Summit, MO  
disappeared)**

# King Solomon



**When Solomon began to  
indulge himself with women  
(1000 +) and worshiped their  
Gods, his son Rehoboam  
suffered the most because he  
experienced the kingdom  
being ripped apart.**

# King Jeroboam



**The future of Jeroboam's entire household was wiped from human history after he abandoned God out of fear of losing his power and instituted a new form of worship.**

# King Ahab



**Became the new champion  
of evil! He out did Jeroboam!  
Married Jezebel. Worshiped  
Baal. Built a temple for Baal.  
And a shrine to the sacred  
whore Asherah. Made God  
angrier than all the previous  
kings put together.**

**'Divided we all fall.'**

**We have shared  
responsibilities to see to it  
that we all succeed.  
Ultimately, until my brother  
succeeds my success is  
impossible.**

**My strength is for  
serving**

**My weakness is for  
humility.**

**We rise as one**  
**We fall as one**  
**We succeed as one**  
**We fail as one**  
**We are One In Christ**

1<sup>in</sup> Christ