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LIVING TOGETHER IN UNITY Part 5 of 6

If a brother sins against you, go to him **privately** and confront him with his fault. If he listens and confesses it, you have won back a brother. **Matt 18:15 TLB**

I said last week that we must resist the temptation to share, or listen to Gossip. Digesting cheap candy will eventually give you a stomach ache. As we strive to maintain and keep the unity of the spirit, let's make a choice to not **Gossip, or listen to gossip**. This week I want to talk about one of the deadliest enemies of "unity" in the Church of Christ. This enemy is called "**Unresolved conflicts**". How can we as Gods children activate God's way of resolving conflicts? If we are going to maintain and keep the unity of the Spirit, then we must be able to handle our differences, Gods way.

In Matthew 18 Jesus gives us a three step process for handling conflict. Before we begin, let me say this, It is so tempting to go to a third party and voice your complaint when you have been hurt or wronged by another in the church. When you are fuming mad there is a great temptation for you to seek out a close friend or buddy, that will champion your cause after you have released your "version" of the real Or imagined wrong. Satan knows that creating factions and clicks is one of the best ways to disrupt the unity of the Spirit. Instead of going directly to the one who has offended you, we go and try to tell the elders, the deacons, the preacher, or any one else, to make that person who has offended us, change. If the truth be told, I suppose many of us at one time or another have been guilty of not activating Gods way of resolving conflicts. You and I would both agree that it takes Gods power and prayer to be able to go to that person and speak the truth in love. Sadly I have heard many preachers, try to correct some mistake or offense with a an ugly word from the

pulpit or write about them in some religious paper. Havinaid all that, here is the first step in resolving conflict.

Step #1. Always try to work out your differences privately.

Jesus says in vs. 15 If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. **Matt 18:15** In other words if a fellow believer hurts you, '**Go directly to your brother**'. Work it out between just the two of you. If you are not able to work out your conflicts then go to the second step.

Step #2. Take one or two others along. Jesus says this so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. **Matt 18:16** The presence of the witnesses will keep things honest. 2 or 3 other people can help in confirming the problem which will open the way for honest dialogue. Jesus says that the testimony of at least two witnesses is sometimes necessary in order to bring about reconciliation. Well, what do we do when a person chooses to remain stubborn?

Step #3. Jesus says take it to the church. Verse 17 says, If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. This week remember to always Go to the brother that has offended you first! That is God's commandment! Those who stray from it, choosing some other way, do so at their own eternal risk. **If you don't remember anything else, remember this, if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matt 6:14**

May God help each of us this week to activate Gods way of resolving conflict.

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The **difference...**
Is **CHRIST** in me!
Colossians 1:27

COMING UP

We are looking for others
who will...
Become Part of the Family

April 11	Hilltoppers Trip
April 13	J. W. Hamby's Life Group
April 18-20	High School Retreat
April 27	Fourth Sunday Fellowship Meal and 1:00 Service
May 2 & 3	Ladies Retreat
May 4	Benevolence Pick Up Care and Share
May 9	Relay for Life
May 11	J. W. Hamby's Life Group

'Garland Street Ladies Retreat 2008'

Dear Garland Street Ladies,

Our Ladies Retreat will be May 2nd and 3rd at The Hotel Turkey in Turkey Texas. This is a wonderful Old Historic Hotel with each room decorated in a different theme.

The cost for your room will be \$35.00 each. Most of the rooms will be shared so we need to know who you would like to room with. Some of the rooms will sleep 4 and most will sleep 2. Some of the rooms will share a bath which is located between two rooms. Most of the baths have the old claw foot tubs and a few have showers. Please let us know if you have any special needs.

Also if you would like to go but do not want to drive we can take the church van or make arrangements for you to ride with someone.

If you plan to attend please fill out the information below and return it with your \$35.00 by Friday April 18th so we will know how many to plan for. If you should have any questions you may call Cindy Simmons @ 293-7006.

We sure hope you can come!!!

* Please fill out and return as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Who you would like to room with: _____

Any special needs you might have: _____

If you need transportation: Yes _____ No _____

If you are able to provide transportation how many can you take: _____

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008**

Announcements: Larry Hamby
First Prayer: Mike Allison
Closing Prayer: Steve Barrett
Communion Scripture Reading: Lonnie Jones
Sermon Scripture Reading: Mike McDonough
Lord's Table: Eric Clark
 Deryl Clevenger
 Scott Clevenger
 Jackie Cunyus
 Lee Dougherty
 Jim Gambrell
 Ron Gammage
 Larry Golden
Evening Opening Prayer: Caleb Wilson
Evening Closing Prayer: Stan Branam
Westridge: Bobby Byrd
Prairie House: Glenn McDonald
Communion To Shut-Ins: Grady Simmons
Jail: 4/15 Herb Purdon
Sound Board: 4/13 & 4/16 Neal Becker
Computer: 4/13 & 4/16 Gary Hull

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Nursery Workers: Jill Freeman and Lila Driver
Kitchen: Jill Golden and Becky Watson
Daily Bread: Jill Golden and Becky Watson

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	4/06/08
Bible Study	148
Sunday Morning	295
Sunday Evening	117
Wednesday Evening	115
Contribution	\$7742.45

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS- APRIL

Men- ----- Rock'N R Steakhouse
Ladies ----- Season's Way



The Mind of Paul by William Barclay.
 A discussion of the beliefs of Chris's greatest witness, presenting the main ideas and teachings of the Apostle Paul. Biography P28b

IN OUR PRAYERS

Todd & Connie Blevins, Dustin Smith, Randa McDaniel, J. D. James, Kimmee Brandon, Janis Horton, Wayne Sooter, The Alex Dominguez family, Fred Robertson, Lupe Gonzales, Roberta Turner, Gary Alexander, Bobby Griffin, Dub Mercer, Baylee Banning, Bill & Tweet Moore, Cleo Crutchfield, Harlan Dizmang, Dorothy Bradley, Raul Camacho, Jackson Calhoun, Cindy Valentine, Shirley Igo, Billy Clay, Whitney Smith, Betty Foster, Maylene Mickey, Mattie Lou Ellis, Carla Calhoun, Paul Frisbie, Danna Lamb, Ken Stone, Doris Hearn, Opal Yarborough, Jerry Settle, Wanda Wallace, Kay Powell, Opal Barnes, Linda Wilson, Cleo Crutchfield, Sonny Sherrock, Doyce Watson, Kenneth Sjogren, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Paul Godman, Dale Hyde, Cindy Kirby, JoAnn Underwood, Christen Driver, Betty Thompson, Lou Ann Lopez, Belinda Spencer, Cory Crump and Our Soldiers.

Mission Statement

We the family of Garland Street
 Church of Christ,
 with the Bible as our guide and
 Jesus as our Savior will look:
 Upward to glorify, praise and honor God;
 Outward to seek, convert and reach the lost;
 Inward to serve, equip and love one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship meal will be Frito pie or Mexican stack.

Relay for Life: If anyone is interested in forming a Team for Relay for Life contact Brandi Ray or Lori Wells. There is a sign up sheet on the table if you would like walk during the event. If you would like to donate you may write your check to Relay for Life and give to one of the elders or the church office.

HILLTOPPERS: Our next trip will be to the Cactus Theater, Friday, April 11th. The Hallelujah Chorus presents "America Sings" with the Otwell Brothers, songs of the Forties, the Lighthouse Quartet and the Hallelujah Chorus. We will leave the church building at 5:00 pm. to eat in Lubbock.

High School Youth Retreat will be April 18-20. More information will follow.

Sunday, April 27th will be our Quarterly Fourth Sunday fellowship meal and 1:00 service. Rob Lindsey, Mike Allison and Jimmy Barnes are the elder and deacons in charge.

SENIORS it is time to your picture into the office.



The Children's Home of Lubbock-Big Heart Campaign: We will be collecting paper towels now through Wednesday, April 23rd. Paper towels or monetary donations may be taken to the church office.

Don't Forget to RSVP
Sunset International Bible Institute
Victory Celebration Dinner
April 18, 6:00 p.m.

At the Sunset Family Life Center

If you can commit just 2 hours on April 18th

- **The Lord will be Glorified**
- **The Leadership would appreciate it**
- **All the people who's live have been touched by your generosity will appreciate it.**

Contact: Tony Dominquez

by Wednesday, April 9th if you will be attending

Welcome Guests



Hallye Wilkerson, Commerce, TX
Landa Cognasi, Lubbock, TX
Jerry & Sandra Leatherman, Silverton, TX
Paul Fikes, Plainview, TX
Melissa Turner DeBusk, Greely, CO
Barbara Wilkinson, Corpus Christi, TX
Cynthia Gregory, Plainview, TX

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Raul and Rosa Camacho's daughter-in-law, **April Cruz** was in a motorcycle accident in Dallas Monday, March 31. She has had 2 surgeries and will need at least one more.

Dustin Smith is in UMC ROOM 316 E. He had a biopsy on his kidney Monday to try to figure out what is going on.

Please keep Jeanea Barnes's sister, **Lisa Bartley** in your prayers. Her breast cancer has spread to her bones.

Gary Alexander spent a few days in the hospital but is home.

Doris Hearn had cataract surgery Monday, March 31 and asks for prayers of the church.

Dee and Jeanette Blevins' son and daughter-in-law, **Todd and Connie Blevins** were in Russia last week. They are preparing to adopt a 12 year old boy. Please keep them in your prayers. This has been a very long process.

Inez Sooter's great nephew, **Matthew Williams** is in CCU at Covenant hospital in Lubbock. He is doing a little better. He is very ill. Her great niece **Lily Talbott** is in the hospital with asthma.

Weldon and Judy Melton's daughter, **Kim-mee Brandon does not have PVNS** as they thought.

J. D. James' great-grandson, **Japheth James** is back in Iraq. Please keep him your prayers.

ELDERS: Neil Billingsley Deryl Clevenger Rob Lindsey
Weldon Melton Steve Stokes

DEACONS: Gary Alexander Mike Allison
Jimmy Barnes Neal Becker
Bobby Byrd Scott Clevenger
Gary Miller Grady Simmons
Mark True Terry Underwood
Brent Wells

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and Worship 10:30 a. m. and 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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