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**Ps. 133:1, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (NIV)**

The LORD desires for His people to live together in unity. The Hebrew term for *unity* is **yachad** which means *alike, like minded or connected together*. That is how the LORD desires for us to function; to live. Why? Because we can do so much more together as the body, than we can individually. In fact, Paul reminds us as Christians, we are all a part of the body of Christ and we are to work together as one. Jesus put it this way in His prayer for us as believers in **John 17:20-23: “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent me. I have given them the glory that You have given Me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and You in Me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.” (NIV)**

Paul also shares this in **Eph. 1:9-10, “He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment - to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.” (NIV)** It is in the plan of the LORD for His people to live together with one heart, one mind; His heart and His mind. Anything else brings discord, confusion and strife. If we truly love the LORD, we must also love His ways and His plan. He has not made us to go it alone. He has made us to be a part of something much greater than ourselves; His body. Let’s all put our hands to the work that He has given us and put aside any bickering or selfishness. The time is too short. The fields are white unto harvest. The trumpet is about to blow. Let us join hands and hearts and complete the work that He has given us to do.

**Dear LORD, help us to work together as the body of Christ. Help us to fix our eyes on You and Your purposes for us. In Jesus Name, Amen**