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Can't We All Just Get Along?

In John 17 We Have The Words Of Jesus' Longest Prayer

What Did Jesus Pray?

"Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 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."

John 17:11b, 20-21a

1. This Sounds _____
2. To Jesus It Was _____
3. So We Should Be _____

Why Did Jesus Pray It?

"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 gave 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."

John 17:21b-23

1. Unity Isn't _____
2. Unity Isn't _____
3. Unity Is Our _____ With Christ

The Best Argument For Our Faith Is The _____
Being The _____ As Described By Jesus

How Can We Do It?

"The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand."

Romans 14:3-4ff

Next Steps:

1. Pray For _____
2. Look For An Opportunity To _____ Unconditionally
Someone With Whom I _____ Politically

Memory Verse

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit"

Ephesians 4:3-4a

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord for the first time today
- Memorize Ephesians 4:3-4a
- Pray For Oneness
- Look For An Opportunity To Love Unconditionally Someone
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1. This Sounds **Impossible**
2. To Jesus It Was **Essential**
3. So We Should Be **Intentional**

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1. Unity Isn't **Uniformity**
2. Unity Isn't **Man Made**
3. Unity Is Our **Shared Union** With Christ

The Best Argument For Our Faith Is The **Church**
Being The **Church** As Described By Jesus

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Next Steps:

1. Pray For **Oneness**
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