

Unity

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of unity and the right mindset in overcoming conflicts while serving God.

Scripture: Matthew 5:9, John 17:21, Romans 12:18, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Galatians 5:15, Ephesians 6:12, Philippians 2:2, Colossians 3:13-14, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 4:1

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Description

K.P. Yohannan emphasizes the importance of unity in serving God, acknowledging that initial excitement can fade as we encounter conflicts and challenges with others. He warns against losing sight of the true battle, which is not against fellow believers but against spiritual forces. The sermon encourages believers to arm themselves with the mindset of Christ, who suffered for us, to maintain unity and perseverance in service. Yohannan reminds us that our struggles often stem from forgetting our true enemy and the spiritual nature of our battles. Ultimately, he calls for a return to a heart of service and unity, grounded in Christ's example.

Transcript

When the Lord calls us to serve Him, our hearts are overjoyed. We are excited and eager to do our best. But very soon we discover that things would go a whole lot smoother if circumstances would be more favorable--if finances weren't so tight, if John Doe with his strange ideas wouldn't be in leadership, if we wouldn't have to work beside Mary Major with her overbearing personality.

As time goes by, our initial excitement wears off, and the irritations, disappointments and conflicts with others seem to grow stronger. We can get to the point, at which we can't take it anymore, and we either start fighting for our rights or we quietly walk off with hurt and bitterness in our hearts.

If we began with such willing and sincere hearts, how do we get to the place at which we are ready to walk away from this great privilege?

Could it be that we forgot we were in a battle that is not against flesh and blood? Instead, we end up fighting John and Mary instead of our real enemy. Did we arm ourselves correctly for the spiritual battle we entered, as Paul describes in Ephesians? If our answer is yes, what are we still missing?

I believe our answer is found in the letter the Apostle Peter wrote near the end of his life: "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind" (1 Peter 4:1).

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