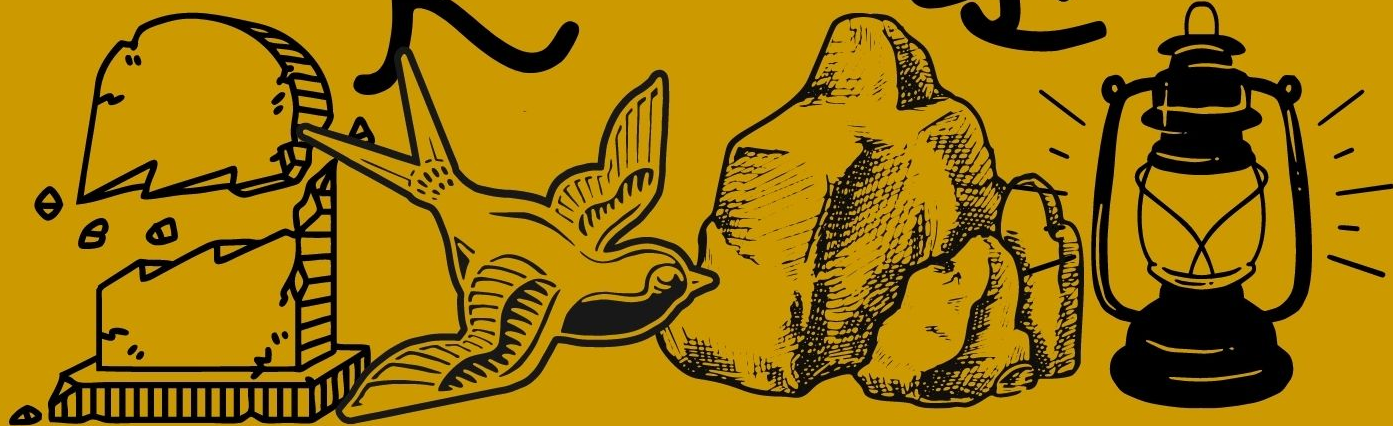


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LIVING IN  
COMMUNITY



**This Week's Sermon:**  
*Unity within Diversity*  
Romans 12:3-8

## Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.  
2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## Romans 12:3-8

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

## Romans 12:3-8

<sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.



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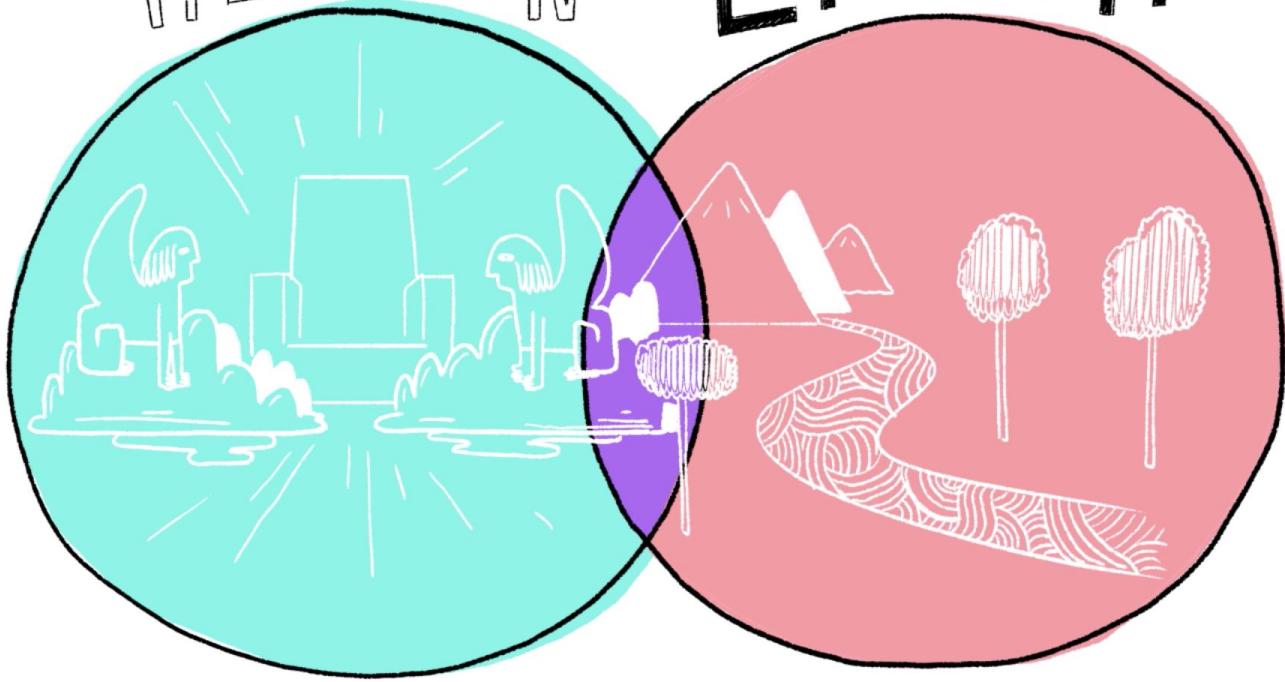
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# Matthew 6:9-13

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.”

**Eternity in mind**

**Temporal in mind**

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Friendship

Eternity in mind

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Church

**Humility**

# Romans 12:3-8

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**STAY HUMBLE, MY  
FRIENDS**

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But a true and objective estimate of ourselves requires that we have a standard against which to measure ourselves. And this, Paul says, we have, for God has “measured to each one a measure of faith.”

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“Measure of faith” could refer to the faith held in common by all Christians. On this view, *faith is the measure*. Paul would be exhorting all believers to measure themselves by the same standard. By using the same yardstick, believers can arrive at a realistic and accurate assessment of themselves in relation to others. On this view, then, v. 3 connects especially with the main point of the sentence in vv. 4–5: the unity that characterizes the Christian “body.”

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## Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



# Humility in diversity

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*Their greatest battle  
would be for  
her love.*

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EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JAMES HAMILTON  
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DIRECTED BY JAMES HAMILTON

AT THEATRES SOON



**Unity in diversity**

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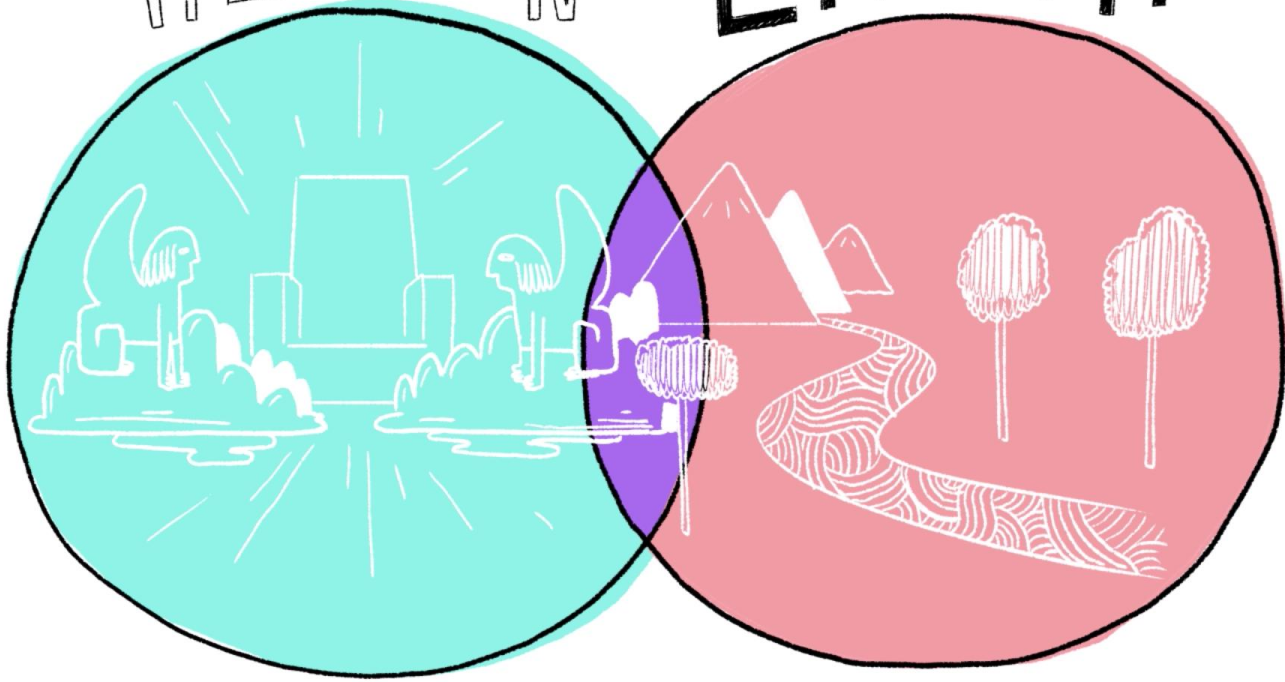
**Are you helping with unity?**

**Are you helping with diversity?**



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## Acts 1:6-8

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

# Gospel Application

Unified in and with the Gospel

# Matthew 6:11-12

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