Day 33

Unity in Every Decision

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1–11

Key Verse

"Being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit..."
Philippians 2:2

Today's Devotional

One of Satan's favorite strategies is to create division during important moments in the life of a church.

He knows that a divided church loses its effectiveness.

He knows that unresolved conflict distracts from the mission of Christ.

He knows that pride often accomplishes what persecution cannot.

That is why unity deserves our constant prayer.

Paul's words to the Philippians remind us that Christian unity does not happen because everyone always agrees.

It happens because everyone humbly submits to Christ.

Notice Paul's emphasis:

The same love.

One spirit.

One purpose.

Humility.

Considering others more important than ourselves.

The example, of course, is Jesus.

Though He possessed every right and privilege as the eternal Son of God, He willingly humbled Himself for our salvation.

His humility becomes the pattern for our own relationships.

As our church continues praying for an Associate Pastor, unity must remain one of our highest priorities.

Our Elders should experience unity.

Our ministry leaders should experience unity.

Our congregation should experience unity.

That does not mean every person will have identical opinions about every detail.

It does mean that Christ's glory becomes more important than personal preference.

Healthy churches protect unity.

They refuse gossip.

They resist unnecessary criticism.

They extend grace.

They assume the best.

They pray before speaking.

Imagine the testimony if everyone who visits Riva Trace Baptist Church encounters not only sound biblical teaching but a congregation genuinely united around the gospel.

That kind of unity points people to Christ.

Think About It

1. Am I actively contributing to the unity of our church?
2. Are there conversations I should avoid because they produce unnecessary division?
3. How can I encourage peace within the body of Christ?

Today's Prayer

Father,

Thank You for making us one in Christ.

Protect our church from division.

Give our leaders unity.

Help me speak words that build others up rather than tear them down.

May our love for one another reflect the love Christ has shown us.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from expressing personal preferences today.

Instead, intentionally encourage someone whose perspective or ministry differs from your own.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the entire congregation will joyfully unite behind God's direction as He leads our church into the future.