

Road Trip Devotion - Romans 15:5-6

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"Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6; NLT)

Unity is a difficult thing to come by - sometimes it takes months or even years to build. Whether it is in a company, a sports team or a church it never comes easily. Paul knows this and realizes that without perseverance and encouragement, unity that's been built for years can be destroyed in a matter of seconds.

Paul knows that the one thing we need to agree on as the church is Jesus Christ - he is essential and without him nothing else matters. Beyond that the church has made countless divisions over the years all for the sake of pride. Everyone thinks that they have the right answers and they know how to interpret the Bible better than anyone else. It's frustrating - to the point sometimes of wanting to just give up - but that's exactly why Paul tells us to persevere. He knew it was going to be tough for us to stick together and he knew the only way we would make it through these fights and disputes was perseverance.

God never called us to have all the right answers. He called us to glorify him with one voice as one church. All he has ever asked for is our worship. Satan's greatest weapon is to get the church so caught up in fighting with itself that they forget they should be fighting against him.