## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

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# "How To Be One In Christ"

By: Senior Living Ministries

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind". Philippians 2:1-2

In 1986, remnants of a hurricane dumped more than two feet of water in parts of Oklahoma, causing the Arkansas River to flood and devastating large parts of the city of the Tulsa area.

Many were forced to leave their homes. And when it was all said and done, several had lost their lives. But one local pastor who had been involved in the relief efforts saw something in those days he had never seen before.

He shared...

"I saw people coming together to fight the rising water – Republicans next to Democrats; Catholics next to Pentecostals; blacks next to whites. They put aside their differences for a greater purpose."

The Church of Jesus Christ has the greatest purpose ever given. Yet so many self-proclaimed members find as many reasons as they can to gripe, complain, and fuss about what others are doing.

How much different would Christianity look if the body of Christ stood together to build one another up instead of tearing each other down? Support other believers. Work together with them to accomplish the task the Lord's given us. Be humble – and be one in Christ!

#### Prayer Challenge

Ask God to show you how you can help unite His people to reach the world for Christ.

Senior Living Ministries was founded in 2002 by Warren and Virginia Olson to minister to the specific needs of the growing senior community. Today, Senior Living Ministries is serving tens of thousands of seniors world-wide through its daily devotionals, weekly podcast, prayer ministry, and online community. Their website is <a href="https://www.seniorlivingministries.org">www.seniorlivingministries.org</a>

#### Men of Shades Devotional

How about writing one devotion to share with the Men of Shades. Share your thoughts on a favorite Bible verse, a story from your life with an application from Scripture, or share a devotion written by a favorite writer that was particularly meaningful to you. Follow the parameters below and then send it to Steve Grissett at <a href="mailto:sgrissett@yahoo.com">sgrissett@yahoo.com</a>.

- Choose a favorite verse or verses (2 or 3).
- Write a short devotion of 200 to 300 words max.
- Add a title.
- Add one thought-provoking or reflective question at the end.
- Include a one or two sentence introduction of yourself.

All Upcoming Events

Watch Sermons

Explore Men's Ministry

### Community Tailgate Party

Men of Shades, don't miss the Community Tailgate Party Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30. This will be a night full of free food, games, and fun! Invite your neighbors and friends to join you and we will see you there!

#### <u>Learn More</u>

For more info on how to get involved with Men of Shades, visit <a href="www.shades.org/men">www.shades.org/men</a>

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