



UGLY GIANTS, HAPPY WARRIORS

Part Four: "Shutting Down the Separation Giants"

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"My brothers and sisters, I urge you by the name of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed, to come together in agreement. Do not allow anything or anyone to create division among you. Instead, be restored, completely fastened together with one mind and shared judgment."

1 Corinthians 1:10-12 (TVT)

The enemy wants to separate, but God expects us to _____ and _____.

THE SEPARATION GANG

God hates anything that creates unhealthy _____.

"For there are six things the Lord hates—no, seven: haughtiness, lying, murdering, plotting evil, eagerness to do wrong, a false witness, sowing discord among brothers." Proverbs 6:16-19 (TLB)

"But your sins have separated you from your God..." Isaiah 59:2 (GWT)

"Any kingdom divided against itself is bound to collapse." Matthew 12:25-29 (JBP)

1. The _____ Giant

"A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends." Proverbs 16:28 (NKJV)

2. The _____ Giant

"A brother offended is harder to be won over than a strong city, and [their] contentions separate them like the bars of a castle." Proverbs 18:19 (AMP)

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3. The Spiritual _____ Giant

"Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him..." Acts 15:39 (NLT)

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

"Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends." Proverbs 17:9 (NLT)

Unconditional _____ shuts down the separation giants.

"...God made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ...and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault." Colossians 1:21-22 (NLT)

FATHER GOD, Thank you for the unconditional love you've shown me in Christ. I confess that I've allowed my sins to separate me from you. I've also agreed with faultfinders and dividers. Lord I repent! Grant me the grace to live in love and forgiveness every day. In Christ's Name, AMEN

THIS WEEK IN SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Name something in the world you've seen hurt by division.

Scripture: Let different members share a verse from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What are some more ways to overcome division?

Prayer: Pray for unity in our families, churches and nation.

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