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# MESSAGE NOTES

## Keeping Harmony

Ephesians 4:3

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Keep Harmony with family, neighbors, coworkers, classmates and church family. Our Heavenly Father's character can be seen as one of **harmony** and not of disorder.

**1 Corinthians 14:33** For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.”

**Ephesians 4:3** “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

### How can we keep the unity of the Spirit?

#### 1. Know the facts before you judge the situation.

Don't come to quick conclusions without really knowing the full situation.

**Proverbs 3:21** “My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion;”

#### 2. Don't let anyone fool you by telling you things that aren't true.

**Ephesians 5:6** “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.”

Spreading information does not help anyone if it's not true.

#### 3. Be Sensitive to what offends others

Don't be easily offended, instead be sensitive to what offends others.

Just one sentence can cause damage and you can't take it back.

**1 Corinthians 10:32** “Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—”

**Romans 14:19-21** “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. **20** Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. **21** It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.”

#### Our Heavenly Father is Kind — be kind and love one another

**1 Peter 3:8** “Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.”