

WORDS
OF
COMFORT

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**One!
John 17:20-26**

1) Are you curious about the things people pray when they pray for you? What do you think your family and friends focus on when they pray for you?

2) If we heard Jesus' prayers for us, what do you think He would pray for?

3) In John 17:20-26 (reread) we hear exactly how Jesus prays for us. He prays we would be one as He and the Father are one and we would fully experience His glory and the Father's love.

~ Are you surprised this is what Jesus prays for you? Why or why not?

~ What grabs your heart about this prayer?

~ In light of all the racial struggles and rioting in our nation, what is especially important about this prayer?

Jesus entered into a culture that was filled with racism; Jew, Gentile, and Samaritans are on every page of the New Testament. The story of Jesus is the story of our reconciliation to God through Him, but also it's the miraculous story of reconciliation that can be experienced in the church. From the very beginning, God's heart is our relationships to one another. He is a "one another" God. He has come to reconcile humanity to humanity in the glorious Bride of Christ.

4) In vs. 24b, Jesus says, "that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

~ Why is it so difficult to trust that we are loved with the same love the Father has for the Son?

- Our shame and self-hatred does everything to keep us from understanding this love.
- Satan whispers lies about this love all day long.
- The world wants to keep us on the treadmill of performing for love.

~ If someone asked how they could specifically grow in trusting this love, what would you tell them?

5) Pray for unity. Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together!

²⁰ "I am not praying only on their behalf, but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their testimony,

²¹ that they will all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me.

²² The glory you gave to me I have given to them, that they may be one just as we are one –

²³ I in them and you in me – that they may be completely one, so that the world will know that you sent me, and you have loved them just as you have loved me.

²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they can see my glory that you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ Righteous Father, even if the world does not know you, I know you, and these men know that you sent me.

²⁶ I made known your name to them, and I will continue to make it known, so that the love you have loved me with may be in them, and I may be in them."

John 17:20-26

2020 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people by 2030.