

Jesus Prays For His Disciples

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Theme: Jesus prays for his disciples
(John 17:11)

Standing Together As One



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Do you think you are a strong person? Yes! Do you think you could snap a pencil in half? Yes! Do you think you could snap two pencils together at the same time? Possibly, if you are very strong. But how about ten pencils all bundled together. Do you think you could snap them all together at the same time?

The ten pencils together in a bundle are just like the one pencil that was so easily broken. Yet when all the pencils are bound together, they are much stronger than they are when they are by themselves. Even the very strongest person here in church this morning could not break the bundle of pencils.

These pencils can teach us an important lesson about the church. Sometimes when we think of the church, we think of a building where we come to worship, but the church isn't a building. The church is made up of all sorts of people who have chosen to follow Jesus. You, me, all of the people -- all of us together -- we are the church.

Some people say, "I can be a Christian without going to church" -- and that may be true -- but by ourselves we are not very strong. When Satan tries to tempt us to do something that we know is wrong, it may be difficult to resist him if we try to go it alone. But if we stand together with others who follow Jesus, they will be a source of strength and encouragement. We will be much stronger than we would be by ourselves.

One day, Jesus went off by himself to pray. He prayed for his disciples because he knew that his disciples had to live in the world and that they would be tempted by the evil things of the world. He also knew that if his disciples would come together as one, they would be much stronger than they would as individuals. So he prayed and asked God to protect them and to help them to be one, just as he and his Father were one.

When Satan tempts you to do things that you know are wrong, remember the lesson of the pencils -- there is strength in unity.

Let's Pray:

Father, protect us and help us to be one with other believers, just as you are one with Jesus. Amen.

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