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## The Need for Clarity, Purity and Unity in our Relationships

- Matthew 18 -

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**CLARITY**



**PURITY**



**UNITY**



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**Clarity:**  
Seeing relationships the way Jesus does.



Matt. 18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup> He called a little child and had him stand among them. <sup>3</sup> And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven <sup>5</sup> "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.

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**Clarity:**

Seeing relationships the way Jesus does.



**Purity:**  
Guard your relationships.



18:6 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. <sup>7</sup> “Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! <sup>8</sup> If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away.

**Purity:**  
Guard your relationships.




<sup>8b</sup> It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

**Purity:**  
Guard your relationships.




**Unity:**  
Restoring relationships through forgiveness.



Matt. 18:12 “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. <sup>14</sup> In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

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**Unity:**  
Restoring relationships through forgiveness.




<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. <sup>16</sup> But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

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**Unity:**  
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**Prayer Guide**  
*for the Persecuted*

**For The Persecuted**

- Pray for courage, strength, and peace amidst suffering.
- Ask God to be present with them and to remind them of His presence.
- Pray for wisdom for them to share the gospel boldly and discreetly.
- Ask for comfort, and for their joy to remain in the midst of suffering.
- Pray for their families and communities, and for protection for the vulnerable.
- Ask that they would be able to forgive and love their persecutors.

**For The Persecutors**

- Pray that God would reveal Himself to them and that they would know His love.
- Pray for their hearts to be changed, turning them away from prejudice, fear, and anger.
- Ask that they would respect all human life and be transformed from fear-based control to love.


**For The Global Church and Governments**

- Pray for the church to effectively support the persecuted, bearing one another's burdens.
- Pray for governments to protect religious freedom and establish godly authority structures.
- Pray for societal change, where Christians can demonstrate God's love to overcome fear.


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