

Transcript – Unity Of The Body Thailand

Good afternoon! I want to talk today about the unity that we need to have in the body. I want to start in Psalm 133.

Psalm 133:1-3 *A Song of Ascents. Of David. Behold! How good and how pleasant it is, for brethren living together, even in unity. It is like the precious oil on the head that ran down on the beard, Aaron's beard, going down to the mouth of his garments; like the dew of Hermon coming down on the mountains of Zion; for there YAHWEH commanded the blessing: life forevermore.*

So there is no greater proof of our faith than being unified together. And I think sometimes that the brethren forget that in the Kingdom there's one Bridegroom, Yahshua, but collectively we're all the bride together which should show us *the need* we have to have freely together.

Ephesians chapter 5 in verse 22 and 23. I'll read 21 through 24.

Ephesians 5:21-24 *Submit yourself one to another in the love of the Messiah. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to our Master, because a husband is head of the wife, as also Messiah is Head of the Congregation, and He is the Savior of the body. But even as the Congregation is subject to Messiah, so also the wives to their own husbands in everything.*

So as Yahshua being the Bridegroom and us collectively being the bride, we need to be unified together for Him. And just like a parent, the worst thing for a parent is when their children are fighting each other. The same with Yahshua, He's coming for a unified bride. Not a bride that is fighting each other.

That's why sometimes I think the ladies have it better than the men because the ladies are in the position of the bride. And they understand what it is to submit to their husbands and their fathers. But the men, we have to start thinking the same way because we will also be part of the bride.

In the beginning in the book of **Genesis chapter 3 in verse 16** it says, *that the wife will be subject to the husband in everything.* The wife, her desires, should be subject to the husband in all things. The wife's desire is supposed to be the husband's desire.

So we live in a world today where in the world the husband gets up and works this way, the wife gets up and works that way. They don't work together. So as people come into the Congregation from the world, they're not understanding the ways things are supposed to be.

So my question to you is, is your desire Yahshua's desire? What are your desires? Are they the desires of Yahshua? Is your first goal in life ministry goals, bearing fruit for the Kingdom? Because if you work a job in the system today, commercial Babylon, yes, you get compensation; you get money. But that money is small and the money goes very quickly. But the reward that we receive for doing the work of YAHWEH will last forever. So if we really think of Yahshua as our Bridegroom, are our goals His goals? Because the answer to that question may decide where you will spend eternity.

Let's go to the book of 1st Peter chapter 3 and starting in verse 1:

1st Peter 3:1-3 *Likewise, wives, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if any disobey the Word, through the behavior of the wives, without a word they will be won, observing your pure behavior in fear. And adorn not yourselves with the external ornaments of curls of the hair, or the wearing of golden trinkets, or of costly garments.*

1st Peter 3:4-6 *but the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of the meek and quiet spirit, which is of great value before Elohim. For so once indeed the holy women who were hoping on Elohim adorned themselves, submitting themselves to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Master; whose children you became, doing good, and not being confused by false values.*

1st Peter 3:7-8 *And you husbands, likewise, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, and hold them in honor, as the weaker vessels; because they also will inherit with you the gift of eternal life: And let not your prayers be hindered. And, finally, let all live in harmony, that ye be sympathetic with them who suffer, and affectionate one to another, and be merciful and kind.*

1st Peter 3:9-12 *Not giving back evil for evil, or railing for railing; but, on the contrary, give blessing; knowing that you were called to this in order that you might inherit blessing. Let him turn aside from evil, and let him do good. Let him seek peace, and pursue it; because the eyes of YAHWEH are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer. But the face of YAHWEH is against any doing evil things."*

So before we can have unity in our kibbutz, you have to have unity in your family. Years ago when I was first becoming believer we used to have an expression called, 'he's coming with his Sabbath face.' What I mean by that is when you only meet together on Sabbath for a few hours it's very easy to put a Sabbath smile on. But nobody knows what you're doing in your house the other six days. When you live in community you can't hide the Sabbath face.

And I think that's why some people don't want to come to community because they're afraid of being exposed because they don't have unity in the family. But remember whether you're in community or you're in the woods by yourself, YAHWEH sees everything. So hiding your faults with each other is not solving the problem. And that's why the Bible says, *confess your faults one to another.*

The great part of a community is it forces you to change. And if it's going to work in community, you have to have a positive mindset that we're reading here in 1st Peter 3 in verse 10:

1st Peter 3:10 *"For the one desiring to love life, and to see good days, let him restrain his tongue from evil, even his lips not to speak guile.*

So we have on our wall a saying that Moriyah made for us and basically if you don't have something positive to say, keep your mouth shut. It's a little more diplomatic, a little more nice. I'm saying it blunt. I'm telling you the meaning of it. But it's really true. In community if we don't mindfully be thinking of being positive to each other, the whole community is going to be down. So to have unity in a kibbutz, you really have to have unity in the family.

Next, there cannot be unity in a kibbutz without unity of doctrine. I go all over the world and we have many open meetings with many, many different people, some of them not believers like we are. Even next week in Bangkok, we're going to have a meeting with people that are not believers like us.

And I have people come up to me sometimes and they say, "Oh, I really like your messages but I don't believe everything you said. And I ask them, "Show me one doctrine that is not in this Book." I wasn't sitting in my house thinking, "Oooh, yeah that's good doctrine." Yahshua gave the doctrines to the twelve apostles. They gave it to other men who gave to Paulicians, who gave to Waldenses, who gave to Anabaptists, and those men gave to me. This is YAHWEH's doctrine.

I had one woman one time write me and she said, "Oh, I take some of your doctrine and some of this doctrine and some of this doctrine and then I put them altogether because that's best for me." And I wrote and said, "Congratulations you started your own religion." Because that's really what you're doing. The same way the Catholics started religion, the

Protestants started religion. If I go and take all different doctrines and put them together I'm starting a new religion. Yahshua's Congregation could have never survived 2000 years without any doctrine. And now with internet age and AI we see them everywhere.

Some of it is so silly you say, "Ah, I'm not even going to answer that." Somebody's writing me believing the earth is flat. Who would believe that? Do we take a boat and fall off the end of the earth? And you find out though there are millions upon millions of people believe that. Every doctrine we have we prove from the Bible. And that's why you must study the 27 lessons.

I said this the other day, out of all the people in the whole world, the whole earth, one of every third person is a Christian. One of every third! Go out in Bangkok and start counting 1, 2, 3 ... 1, 2, 3 an average in the world that's how many Christians are in the world. Almost three billion are Christians!

Now out of all those Christians, 99% of them believe that Sunday is the day of worship. Not one Scripture in the Old Testament, New Testament ... not one, but they believe it. And 99% of believers believe they die and go to Heaven but not one word in the Bible about it.

When my mother died and she was Catholic, so they had the priest there talking, and this priest never met my mother. He didn't know my mother and he kept saying, my mother her name was Alice, "Alice is in Heaven. Alice is in Heaven." And I looked him in the face, I said, "Stop lying!" And I said, "Stop lying! My mother's right there in the box. She's not in Heaven. Stop lying to these people!" And I had my Bible with me, I said, "Show me where my mother is in Heaven!" He didn't have an answer.

Through *The Great Falling Away* book, I've had somewhere around 8-10 Catholic priests, the priests from Catholicism who told me they read that book and quit being priests. I had a Pentecostal minister that would fall on the ground "*bok, bok, bok, bok*" write me and say, "I quit the Pentecostal church." Because **the truth speaks for itself**. And there is no unity without that.

When the Church of God split up everyone started getting different beliefs. And they split into more than 1000 different churches. And they would want to have meeting together of the old Church of God people and they'd say, "Let's have unity for unity sake even though we believe different." What does that mean? Isn't unity to be unified?

I could be here and here's a Muslim, and here's a Jewish person, and here's a Christian and we say, "Well, we believe different but let's just have unity for unity sake." I think the same person who made up that is the same person who said, *take the COVID shot*. It makes no sense. You don't have to tell people to be unified. You're either unified or you're not.

I say there's certain subjects I can't teach, like love. I could give you examples of love. I could tell stories of a husband to love the wife, but how do you teach love? It's not a recipe – *take two eggs, put in salt and a cup of love*. No, you have to get it from inside. **You have to decide to give more than you get**. You have to love your neighbor as yourself.

And that's why I say with community, with kibbutz; don't try to push somebody to come if they don't want to come. If they don't want to come, they're not ready to come. Do you know the greatest way to make them come to your kibbutz? It's to have this love, this unity.

The Bible talks about in a good way to make somebody jealous, I feel that way being with you. I feel like wow, YAHWEH if it works out, bring me to Thailand. I want to be with these people. They love each other. They're not faking. They're really loving each other and they're giving to each other. They care for each other. That's the greatest example that we

show to make them a believer. Is the doctrine important? Of course, but believing the doctrine because you're unified. It's not the other way around.

1st Corinthians 1 in verse 10 says:

1st Corinthians 1:10 *Now I beseech you, brothers, through the name of our Master Yahshua Messiah that you all say the same thing, and there be no divisions among you, but you be **united in the same mind and in the same judgment.***

In order to do this we have to surrender to each other and we have to follow judicial order. Now when I was a young believer I didn't know the term 'judicial order' but I understood what it meant. I'm a brand new believer. I know very little and YAHWEH is blessing me to bring me into His 2000 year old Congregation. So here are people that are doing this for Yahshua for the last 2000 years. So in my mind all I wanted to do was to be part of that. Whatever you do, I want to do. I'm new. I want to learn from you.

And as long as it's not contradicting the Bible, I'm going to follow. And if it's something you don't understand. It's good, ask questions. I've been a pastor for thirty years, never once did I ever come up to speak where I was afraid for people to ask me questions. And I'm not always with brethren. I've spoken in front of Sunday churches. I've spoken to Jewish people. But if I'm afraid to take questions, then I shouldn't be sitting here. And you know what? I don't have all the answers. YAHWEH has all the answers. But praise YAHWEH in thirty years I've never once had a question about doctrine I couldn't answer.

The Bible says we will be brought before governors and kings. And it says - don't worry what you will say. The Holy Spirit will give you a voice in Heaven. Now we all have questions in life. Maybe a Scripture that where I go, "Hmm, what does that mean?" Do you know that twice in my life somebody asked the question that I had the same question all the years and never had the answer? But at the time they asked the question, YAHWEH's Spirit gave me the answer.

So as the words are coming out of mouth to the person, I'm hearing it for the first time. And as they're thanking me for the answer, I'm saying, "Thank You YAHWEH!" I didn't know the answer. But we have to be willing to surrender ourselves. Fear will inhibit you from making progress. Pride will inhibit you from making progress. But when we trust in YAHWEH for all things, we just let His Spirit take over.

Matthew 7:28 and 29, it says:

Matthew 7:28-29 *And it happened, when Yahshua had finished these words, the crowds were astonished at His doctrine. For He was teaching them as having authority, and not as the scribes.*

So we need to realize the doctrine is Yahshua's doctrine, not mans. So in Yahshua's Congregation we don't just look and say, "Oh, this man is a really nice man. Let's make him the elder." In Yahshua's Congregation there are very, very **strict** qualifications for leadership for deacons and elders.

But when I came into the Congregation, and as young man I had a lot of pride, how could I think that I know more than the elder who has been there over 20/30 years when I'm brand new? I was prideful. I wasn't stupid. So I listened to the elder because I know the elder is being put there by Yahshua. I still looked in the Bible. I made sure it was the truth.

The Apostle Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Yahshua." And I told brethren that for all the years I've been a leader. I said, "Follow me as I follow Yahshua. But if I'm not following Yahshua, don't follow me." The doctrine is not mine, it's His. We prove this doctrine for the last 2000 years. But I can be deceived. And if I'm saying something that might be against Scripture, please come and tell me and I'll stop doing it. So this is where the body works together. But as far as

the doctrine, we have to realize our elder, Elder Pong; he didn't make his own doctrine. He's following the same doctrine that we've been following for 2000 years.

Ephesians chapter 4 starting in verse 10, he says:

Ephesians 4:10-12 *He that came down is the same who also went up above all the heavens, that He might fill all things ... it's talking about Yahshua ... And indeed He has assigned (Yahshua) some to be apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some shepherds and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Messiah,*

Ephesians 4:13-16 *until we all may come to the unity of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a full-grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah, so that we may no longer be children, being blown and carried about by every wind of false doctrine of men, who through their craftiness are very skillful in deceiving the people; but speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, the Messiah, it is through Him that the whole body is closely framed together and united at all joints, according to the gift that is imparted by measure to each member, for the guidance and control of the body; in order to complete the edifying of the body in love.*

So we see Yahshua is the one that put the leadership in the body for the edification of believers. And we need to support our elders and our leaders and our deacons. When you look in the worldly churches in Christianity, many of these people are only there for money, you know it. You see these pastors with gold watches and big cars and all this other stuff. And we don't see that example in Scripture.

But here in YAHWEH's Congregation people aren't taking salary and money and all that kind of thing. And we should thank YAHWEH that we have true elders that love us and want to serve us because like the scripture said, *strike the shepherd and the sheep will scatter*. And it's very hard to have community if you don't have an elder.

So if you want **true unity in the body, there really has to be submission to each other and to the leadership**. And the greatest way to get people to follow you is not by your words, it's by your example. If people know you love them and really care about them, they'll follow you. And I share this with our elders all the time when we have elder meetings.

So let's go now to Matthew 26 in verse 39.

Matthew 26:39 *And going forward a little, He (Yahshua) fell on His face, praying, and saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.*

Not only are Yahshua and YAHWEH the Father two separate beings but each has their own free will. And that's why if YAHWEH made us in His image, He had to give us freewill. And yet, in the history of eternity, which we can't even think eternity is forever. In the history of eternity, the Father and the Son have never had a disagreement ever. Think about that for a husband and wife. Even in the best marriage in the world, they disagree sometimes because we're human beings. We're flesh.

But in all eternity, the Father and the Son have been unified in thought, in purpose, in mind always. Never once did They ever disagree because of judicial order because the Son knows the Father is greater than I am. And Yahshua has total trust in what YAHWEH would tell Him. And like He said here, *not My will be done, Your will be done Father*.

So it's not like when YAHWEH the Father and Yahshua came together before the world began that the Father said, "My Son, I have this wonderful plan. We're going to create this earth and these human beings." And Yahshua is saying, "Yes Father, yes Father." He says, "*But we have one problem. You're going to have to go to earth and suffer and be beaten*

and then die.” And Yahshua didn’t say, “*What? Me go to earth?*” No, He said *Your will is My will*. And as we talked about in our translation, *Father why did You honor Me to do this?*

It was the greatest honor is Yahshua’s existence to come and die to make more family members in YAHWEH’s Kingdom. And to the early believers, there was not a greater honor than for them to be martyred to the name of Yahshua. The Apostle Peter felt so undeserving to die the way Yahshua died that he asked – *Crucify me upside down. I can’t be the same way that my Master is*. This is what it means to surrender our will to the Ruach, YAHWEH’s Spirit.

We have to listen to that Spirit every day and we have to go out and serve as YAHWEH leads us to. And it brings joy and peace and happiness like you have right in this room. I tell people, because many people think in this day and age money will bring you happiness. Money does not bring happiness. Maybe you drive to your problem in a nice car but it doesn’t bring happiness.

Because if you think, some of the most unhappy people in the world, like in Hollywood, are people with the most money. Because YAHWEH made us as human beings to feel happy when we’re giving to other people. That’s what makes you happy. But when you’re just getting for yourself, there’s no fulfillment. You always want more.

I told my wife recently YAHWEH’s blessed me to do many, many things over my life. One of the greatest honors of my life is being able to put this Bible together. We had hundreds of millions of downloads of this Bible. But the greatest fulfillment I feel in my heart was helping our poor brethren to have a better life.

Sudan is one of the poorest places on the earth. And I remember a few years ago, our people are living in United Nations camp and they’re living in the grass with one small tent. You couldn’t even stand in the tent. You could just basically lie down to sleep. Once a month they would give them sugar and they give them white flour and they would give them vegetable oil. I said, “Wow, where’s the bullet to kill them?”

And I looked at our elder, I said, “We’re YAHWEH’s people, we can do better than this.” I went there last year to visit. Now this is 12 years later, 15 years later. We have a 1000 brethren living in one kibbutz. Every family has a silo filled with corn and food. Every family has their own house to live in. Every widow is cared for. And they are so happy, you can’t imagine. And that’s what makes my life feel fulfilled. No amount of money or physical things could ever make the feeling to help people that way, to change their life. And every time you bring the truth to somebody, you’re doing the same thing.

We all know none of us deserve YAHWEH’s grace. We know how much we fail as human beings but the one promise that I always think about when I think about eternity – *eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life*. And if you can help just one person in your whole life come to faith, that means your life is going to be saved! And I think about that when I’m sharing with the Muslim, or I’m sharing with the Jew, or I’m sharing with the Christian. That’s what I’m thinking about. I’m not thinking, “Oooh, I want to say the right thing to this person to look smart.” I’m saying, “Father, put the word in my mouth that can save their life.”

I have been blessed to baptize thousands of people over the last thirty years. And there are times I’ve travelled one thousand miles just to baptize one person. And every time I get emotional because they’re going from death to life. And that’s what happens when we surrender ourselves to YAHWEH.

You look at every single person out there as a human being YAHWEH created and you pray if there’s anything that can come out of your mouth and change that person to the truth, YAHWEH please use it. And in doing so, we lose our pride. We lose our fear. We lose our anger because none of those things matter. We’re only trying to serve our Heavenly Father. And then by having that one Spirit it unifies us together in our community.

1st Corinthians 12, I'm going to start in verse 18 to verse 31. It says:

1st Corinthians 12:18-22 *But now Elohim set the members, each one of them, in the body, even as it has pleased Him. But if all was one member, where would the body be? But now, indeed, many are the members, but one body. And the eye is not able to say to the hand, I have no need of you; or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. But much rather the members of the body seeming to be weaker are necessary.*

1st Corinthians 12:23-25 *And those of the body we think to be less honorable, to these we put more abundant honor around them. And our dis-honored members we dress with greater care. But our valued parts have no need for attention. But Elohim tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to the member having need, that there not be division in the body, but that the members might have the same care for one another.*

1st Corinthians 12:26-28 *And if one member is in pain, all the members suffer with it. If one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. And you are the body of Messiah, and members in your respective places. And Elohim placed some in the Congregation: Firstly, apostles; secondly, prophets; thirdly, teachers; then works of power; then gifts of healing, helps, leaders, and speakers of different languages.*

1st Corinthians 12:29-31 *Are all apostles? All prophets? All teachers? All workers of power? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in different languages? Do all interpret? But if you are searching after the greater gifts I will show you a more excellent way.*

And then the love chapter comes. So just like we're reading here, we are all one body but we have different gifts. And when we are separate, we're limited in our calling. If I compare it to building a building if we were builders because my grandfather used to use this as an analogy. My grandparents had 15 children and my grandfather used to say if one of you was an electrician, and one was a plumber, and one was a mason, we could build a house without having to get anything from the outside. And that's the way we need to look at this. If I'm building a house and I'm an electrician we're going to have electricity but we won't have any walls or a ceiling or any toilets.

All of us have a gift and when we come together the gifts complete each other. In the Laodicean era people don't want to see that. We know that the Bible says in Timothy the times we're living in people will be selfish, lovers of self, but that's not what we see it in the Bible. We see Yahshua says over and over His Congregation is a body. And one of us is a finger, one of us is an elbow, and we're all part of that one body. When one suffers, we all suffer. When one is happy, we're all happy.

And one thing that I'm very impressed with here, I love seeing all the little ones. I love children. The children are our future. And all the parents are wonderful. I see how they care for their children, but I see everyone in the Congregation caring for all the children because that's the way it's meant from Scripture.

We know when we come to the truth sometimes our family doesn't accept the truth. But YAHWEH says - I will give you a new family. And when I see all the grandma's watching the little children and all the brothers and sisters helping, it's so wonderful to see. And what's beautiful is its natural. They're doing it because it's part of them. Nobody is saying, "Hey, go watch this one."

So in one way I really don't have to give this message to you because you're living it. But the reason I'm giving it is because in Thailand, I want *this* to be the example to the outside. Because it's so much a part of you, you probably don't even realize how good you're doing because it's so natural to you. But to the world, this is not natural. And it's a great example that people will see and they're going to want to say, "I want to be part of this." And that's why as new people come, we have to make them feel part of this family.

I remember when I came into the truth I was a very young man about 19 years old. I was not religious at all. And when I came into the Congregation I couldn't believe all the people coming up inviting me to dinner, asking me how I'm doing. I was shocked. At first in my worldly mind, I was very suspicious. I thought they must want to sell me land or something in the swamp. But I saw it was real. It was really their heart. I think even more than the doctrine, that touched me so much to say, "I want to be here. I want to become like they are." Because not only did I see how loving the Congregation was, I saw that I wasn't that way. I never thought about it before.

So as you go out now bringing this good news in Thailand, and YAHWEH is going to bless this Congregation, think about this – because beside the doctrine, *this* is very, very important that will help people come to the truth. One of the biggest things that people tell me that join our Congregation from Christianity - is the insincere spirit in Christianity. That on the surface they, everybody says, *oh yeah, love one another*. But in the life of the people, they're not living it. We want to show we're different. We want show we're the people of YAHWEH.

Last scripture I'm going to go into here is in Acts 2 and starting in verse 40:

Acts 2:40-41 *And with many other words he (the Apostle Peter) earnestly testified and exhorted, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation. And some of them readily received his words and believed and were baptized. And there were added in that day about three thousand souls.*

Acts 2:42-44 *And they were continuing steadfastly in the doctrine of the apostles, and in fellowship, and in the breaking of bread (eating together), and in prayers. And fear came to every soul, and signs and many mighty deeds occurred by the hands of the apostles in Jerusalem. And all the believers were echad and had all things common.*

Acts 2:45-47 *And they sold possessions and goods and distributed them to all, according as anyone had need. And continuing steadfastly with one mind day by day in the sanctuary, and breaking bread from house to house, they shared food in gladness and simplicity of heart, they were praising YAHWEH while finding favor before all the people. And everyday our Master would add to those who lived among the congregation.*

So sometimes when a congregation is not growing, it's because the members are too spiritually immature. But we see that when we are spiritually mature, YAHWEH can add to our Congregation. And these congregations like we see in the books of Acts, we really haven't seen like this in 2000 years. But YAHWEH works in the circular. And here we are 2000 years later as the Kingdom is coming, we're doing the same thing they did there of living in community.

And I never planned this. At our Bible school in Israel we've had kibbutz day. And it would show the students the very first kibbutz in Israel, and how kibbutz works and we'd go to different kibbutzes and them about community living. And it was the Africans that said, "Hey, we want to start a kibbutz." And it just took off on its own. And here we are eleven years later, we have 45 kibbutzes worldwide. None of them forced. None of them being pushed but everything just starting on its own because the heart of the people wanted to live in community.

And you are a great example for everybody to see. I thank you very much. YAHWEH bless.