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Rethinking Relationships: No Higher Calling Bill Warrick

Ephesians 4:1-16

1. What are your thoughts and feelings regarding Memorial Day? What are you doing to remember those who have died defending our country? **Open answer.**
2. What is the highest calling in all our relationships? **See Eph.4:3...unity.**
3. Why do you think unity the highest standard in relationships and not faith, hope or love? **Open answer. Unity requires both God's Grace and our every effort (see v. 3).**
4. An important Old Testament passage linked to this Ephesians passage is Genesis 1&2. What is the significance of Gen. 1:27? **God is unified from before the beginning, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We (humankind) started unified. God is the source of masculinity and femininity. We live in a post Genesis 1&2 world where unity is not experienced and impossible to experience apart from Christ.**
5. In Eph. 4:4-6 how is unity in the body of Christ described? **One body. One spirit. One hope. One Lord (even though He is 3). One faith. One baptism. The answer is one.**
6. In verse 2 and 3 Paul uses the words *completely* and *every* to describe how humble we should be and how much effort we should make towards unity. What are things you can do this week that would move you closer to being completely humble and making every effort to keep unity? **Open answer.**
7. Why do we have different gifts as mentioned in verses 11-13? **To help us attain a whole measure of the fullness of Christ and enable us to move from infancy to being grown up in Christ as individuals and as the body of Christ.**