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Learning #1: If our <u>identity in anything else</u> becomes stronger than our <u>identity in Christ</u>, we will experience division.

John 17:11 (NLT) - *Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.*

John 17:15-18 (NLT) - *I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.*

Learning #2: When we are <u>united in Christ</u>, we are <u>united in love</u>.

John 13:34-35 (NLT) - *So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NLT) - *If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.*

Learning #3: <u>Love</u> begins with <u>listening</u>.

1 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NLT) - *When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.*

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.