

# BECOMING *OUR TRUE SELVES*

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022

*LIVING IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE*

HI REVIVE FAMILY,

WE'RE CONTINUING OUR SERIES BECOMING OUR TRUE SELVES, AND MOVING ON TO CHAPTER 4 IN THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS. HERE IS THE PASSAGE FOR THIS WEEK:

## *EPHESIANS 4:1-6*

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

THIS REPRESENTS A TURNING POINT IN THE LETTER. THE FIRST HALF OF THE LETTER IS DEDICATED TO PAUL DESCRIBING THE TRUTH OF WHO WE ARE AND WHAT GOD HAS DONE. THE 'THEREFORE' REPRESENTS A SHIFT TO NOW FOCUSING ON WHAT IT MEANS FOR US TO LIVE IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE AND WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

*AND THE FIRST THING HE SAYS ABOUT WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE IS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND MAINTAINING UNITY.*

READ THE PASSAGE OVER, AND TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON THESE QUESTIONS BELOW.

### *REFLECTION QUESTIONS:*

1. What does it feel like to experience unity, and what does it feel like to experience division? Think about times in your life where you feel you experienced each of these in your life.
2. For the time in your life when you experienced the feeling of unity with others, what contributed to that feeling? Why is that an example of unity?
3. For the time in your life when you experienced the feeling of division with others, think about the people involved in that situation. How would you describe the relationships involved? Is there more God could share with you about his heart for the people involved?