

***God is Marshaling His Army for the Rescue of His Truth
Victory Through Unity***

Class Handout by Jamie Bendorf for September 15, 2026

What do the scriptures say about UNITY?

- Ephesians 4:1-3
- Mosiah 9:54
- D & C 135:2b

What is one of the greatest challenges to Unity? _____

- Luke 17:1-5
- Matthew 24:8, 11

How to Remain Free from Offense:

- Guard your thoughts – Psalm 19:14
- Keep your mind on God – Philippians 4:8-9
- Pray for help
- Think the best of people
- Learn from the trees: Psalm 1:1-2 > Psalm 119:165 > Psalm 1:3

Two Major Categories of Offense:

1. Those treated unjustly
2. Those who believe they were treated unjustly

Beware of Pride: Revelation 3:17

Learning from Gold: Revelations 3:18

Sow Love > Reap Love: Galatians 6:8-9, Matthew 5:45-46, 48

Examples from the Scriptures: Joseph & His Brothers (Genesis 37, 39-45, 50:15-21)

- 1 Peter 4:12-13
- D & C 2:1a-2a

Choose Your Path: Proverbs 9:8-9

*What do I love more – my **privilege** or my **brother**?*

- Romans 14:15-17

*What do I love more – my **anger** or my **brother**?*

- Proverbs 18:19
- Matthew 18:15
- Matthew 18:21-22
- Matthew 6:13, 16

Examples from the Scriptures: The Ungrateful Servant (Matthew 18:23-34)

Forgiveness:

- Isaiah 58:6
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Psalm 35:11-14
- 1 Nephi 1:65

Reconciliation:

- Matthew 5:25 – 26
- D & C 42:23a-d

Reconciliation If YOU Have Offended Others:

- Go in peace (Romans 14:19)
- LISTEN in humility
- Be willing to yield (James 3:17)
- If you don't agree, calmly discuss reasoning

Examples from the Scriptures: Moroni & Pahoran (Alma 27 & 28)

Reconciliation if You Have Been Offended by OTHERS:

- *Before you go to them:*
 - Pray
 - Forgive FIRST
 - Go in a spirit of reconciliation, not condemnation (James 1:20)
- *During the Reconciliation:*
 - 1) Assume the positive & listen for INTENT, NOT TONE (D&C 122:17b)
 - 2) Calmly share the facts (Proverbs 15:1)
 - 3) Affirm unity of purpose (D&C 129:9b)
 - 4) Find common ground & work together (D&C 122:16a)
 - 5) Reaffirm support & goodwill (D&C 134:7)

Credit: “Pahoran’s Response” by Jason Anderson, *The Witness* Issue 180, 2022 p. 7

- *After the Reconciliation:*
 - Keep trying (Matthew 18:16-17)
 - Do “as much as lieth in you” (Romans 12:18)

With JESUS, We Can Achieve Victory Through Unity

“Let Us”

By Louise Gregson’s Grandson, Dean Wallis

Let us not judge those who have made mistakes

For error is only human nature.

Was it not Eve, so long ago

Whose sin altered our world forever?

Though blaming her act as the sole reason

For our mortal state is convenient,

Any and each of us in her place

May have made the same choice.

None of us are exempt from error.

Let us not allow ourselves to become complacent -

Give us the strength and fortitude to admit our errors.

Strip us of our pride to allow ourselves opportunity

For amends and redemption -

Achieve wisdom - by the knowledge and experience of a lesson learned.

Let us allow ourselves the satisfaction of forgiveness -

Release the heavy burden of festering anger;

And seething emotions -

For its only purpose is to stimulate the animosity

Of a rectifiable situation -

Grasp instead, those that beckon your favor -

For those who risk to ask forgiveness,

Know what can be saved or gained by reconciliation;

Welcome them, Nurture them, Teach them, and Trust them...

For the next time, the mistake may be your own.

Memoirs and Testimonies of Louise Clark Gregson, Vol. III, p. 182