

Talk Part 1

Peter Thomas

How good and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in
unity Psalm 133:1

Unity?

Being in agreement and working
together



Bible says that unity is good

v2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe

Aaron: First high priest (Ex 29:7)
Anointing with oil made him holy

Unity makes us holy, closer to God



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v3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion

Mt Hermon: 1600mm/63"

Staffordshire: 823mm/32½"

Mt Zion: 285 mm/11¼"

Crops, beautiful gardens – a real blessing!



Unity blesses our everyday lives

What does unity mean for us?

Talk Part 2

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What does unity mean for us?

Unity

Being in agreement and working together

Gay marriage

Women vicars

Trans debate



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Does this mean we can't work together?

What binds us together?

Jesus – who died for us

Loving Father – who gave us his
only Son

Holy Spirit – who acts as a bridge
between us and the Father

So much in common

Bigger than what separates us

We won't agree on everything but it's important how we treat each other

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love

- Listen to others with different views
- If you're questioning things, be open
- Listen with love – agree to disagree

Home groups

How do you change
someone's mind if you
think they are in error?

Stick ✘

Carrot ✔

The more we talk, the more we
think, the more we learn



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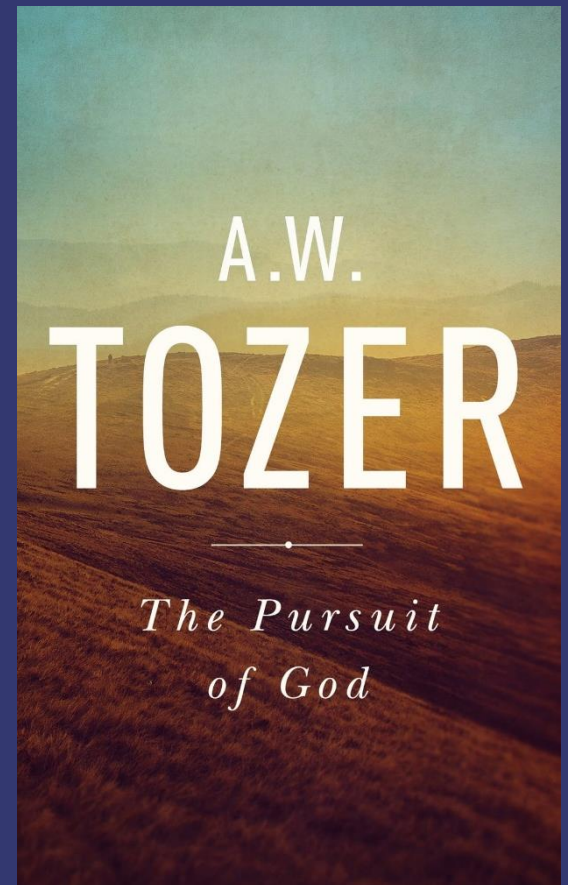
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Take home message

1. Keep your eyes on God



Take home message

1. Keep your eyes on God
2. Listen to each other in love

Colossians 3:14 [ESV]

...put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony

There is a real joy and spiritual growth that comes from loving and being loved