

“He knew their thoughts, so he said, “Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A family splintered by feuding will fall apart. You say I am empowered by Satan. But if Satan is divided and fighting against himself, how can his kingdom survive?” Luke 11:17-18 NLT

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A brief moment of teaching, then a question they had never considered. A kingdom divided is doomed. Their accusations were fake news! They BELIEVED or THEORIZED that Jesus power to kick demons came from Satan, the master of demons. “You say...” then Jesus tells them, division does not yield unity, it brings destruction! Division bring destruction. Then the question: if Satan is divided and fighting against himself, how can his kingdom survive? Answer: IT CAN'T and it won't. Based on Jesus' instruction, let me ask another question: if the Church is divided and fighting against itself, how can it survive? I am not saying it won't make it, because Jesus said it WOULD make it. However, the truth is still there, is unity important in the Church today? Jesus words, “may they be one even as we are one.” We need to focus on unity, we need to fix the unity issue. We need to be one, undivided and cooperative towards one another.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,
I don't know how, I don't know when, where or even why, but you have me this message from the very beginning of my walk with you. It drives me. I am your servant at your service. May I be ready and obedient when and if you decide to use me to deliver this message to the Church, your Church. The bride of Christ, the vehicle you choose to be a message of hope. The method you chose to perfect us so that we reflect Christ and shine like transformed lights. I have no idea if this book will get any attention or traction, but I felt compelled to write it and if you choose to use it, I will steward the message to the best of my ability.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root