

February 19 | Sunday
Life Together: Community

Read [Psalm 133:1-3](#)



20 | Mon – How good and... | Read [Psalm 133:1-3](#)

This is one of 15 psalms called Songs of Ascent (Psalm 120-134). These psalms were often sung by Jewish people as they were on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for various celebrations. In Jesus' day, it was common for families and neighbors to travel together. Family road trips are often a source of significant memories. When you "travel" life with others, as believers are called to do, what are some of the good and pleasant things you have been blessed with?

21 | Tue – When brothers (God's people)... | Read [Psalm 133:1](#) and [Luke 8:19-21](#)

The families we are born into come in all sizes and temperaments. The relationships we grow up with are not always the ones we have as adult siblings, for various reasons. One of the good gifts that comes with being born again into God's family is the amazing number of new family members we inherit...spiritual brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents...some of whom become closer than our own blood relatives. Who do you consider a sister or brother even though they were not born in your family?

22 | Wed – Live together... | Read [Psalm 133:1](#), [Ecclesiastes 4:12](#)

As followers of Jesus, we are all individuals but we are also called into a unique relationship. There is a way in which we together comprise the body of Christ. It is very difficult to grow as a believer, without the support of a spiritual community. We are blessed when we hang out with others, encouraging, challenging, helping and praying each other. Who are the people who may not share your house but they do share life with you?

23 | Thu – In unity... | Read [Psalm 133:1-2](#), [Philippians 1:27](#) and [3:15-16](#)

"I could not *disagree* with you more!" It has been said that unity is the oil that keeps the wheels of relationship going forward. Does this mean, as followers of Jesus, we will never disagree with another believer's strongly held opinion? How is it possible to be so diverse, yet still live together in unity? Have you ever let a serious difference of opinion separate you from someone who has been a good friend for years? How was it resolved?

24 | Fri – For there the Lord bestows His blessing... | Read [Psalm 133:3](#), [II Timothy 2:23-26](#)

There are some people who will lose everything in life because they *have* to be right, at any cost. Even if they win the argument because they *are* right, they lose - because of the hard heart behind their words. If pride drives us, the Lord's blessing cannot live in our words and attitudes. Would this be a good time to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what your motivation is? Disagreements need not ruin relationships, if you keep your heart open to God's heart.

25 | Sat – ...which is life everlasting | Read [Psalm 133:3](#) and [Revelation 21:3-5](#)

No one is perfect, as we often remind others when we have failed. And it is true. No human relationship or community of relationships will ever be perfect while we are on earth. But we are given great hope in the last two words of this psalm. Life here is rocky and filled with potholes, with joy and pain, hope and despair, love and betrayal, dreams and disappointments. But that is not the end of the story. Look at the last two chapters. Then let those words give you a new perspective and hope for the future while still living in this flawed present.