Father, As You Love Your Son



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LEAD-IN: "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He

who loves me will be loved by my Father...We will come to him and make our

home with him." (John 14:21, 23, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Tuned to the Father

"My prayer is not for [these disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you...that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:20-23, NIV)

Jesus prays that we may be one—but one with whom?
And how?

An orchestra tunes, not by all attempting to tune to each other, but by each individual tuning to a common pitch.

In the same way, our unity starts with the unity between Father and Son. Their unity is born of deep love and unbroken sharing.

As we trust that Jesus is one with the Father, the Holy Spirit makes us part of their sharing.

The Spirit tunes each of us to the Father and Son.

Our unity with each other is a bi-product of their union with each other and our union with them.

The Father loves us as completely as He loves His own Son. All the blessings of eternal life and eternal oneness flow from the Father's love.

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