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**SERMON OUTLINE 2**

***I Will Be a Unifying Church Member***

Text: Eph. 4:1-3

1. **Introduction: That thing called unity**
   1. Team sports - what happens if a football team does not have unity?
   2. Team sports - what happens if a football team does have unity?
   3. Church membership functions like a team

IX. **Sermon text: Eph.4:1-3**

'Therefore I, the prisoner for the Lord, urgeyou to walk worthy of the calling you have received, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, accepting one another in love, 3 diligently keeping the unity of the Spirit with the peace that binds us.

1. **Point 1 - Known by your love for one another**
   1. People will know you by your love - John 13:25
   2. People will also know if you lack love
2. **Point 2 - Gossip and other negative talk**
   1. An issue of righteousness - Romans 1:29-31
   2. The tongue can destroy - James 3:6
   3. Don't be a source of gossip
   4. Gently rebuke gossipers
   5. The tongue can be a source of life - 1 Pet. 3:10
3. **Point 3 - Forgiveness and unity**
   1. It all begins with forgiveness - Matt. 6:14-15
   2. Unity will not happen if we don't forgive - Col. 3:12-13

XIII.**Conclusion:Take the second pledge**

"Iam a church member. I will seek to be a source of unity in my church. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel.

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