



Bind Us Together



GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday Evening Message

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INTRODUCTION: Our life is tied up with thousands of thin cords. Some tie us to the world and others tie us to God. You might be surprised to know that Bible has a lot to say about cords. This particular song (*Bind Us Together, Lord*) speaks of a binding cord of love. Let's study the words together...

DISCUSSION:

I. There Is Only ONE God

A. God realizes the cords of our sin.

Proverbs 5:20-23, Isaiah 59:1-2, James 3:5-10, I John 1:9

B. God reverses the cords of the wicked.

Psalm 129:1-4, Psalm 139, Luke 6:22-23, II Timothy 3:12

C. God rewards the cords of the righteous.

Matthew 19:26, Philippians 4:13, II Timothy 2:9, Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:31

II. There Is Only ONE King

A. Our Heavenly King recognizes the cords of vanity.

Hebrews 4:15, Isaiah 5:18, Isaiah 5:22, Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, I Kings 10:26-29, I Kings 11:1-8

B. Our Heavenly King restrains the cords of trial.

Psalm 2:1-4, Genesis 11:1-8, Job 1-2, I Corinthians 10:13

C. Our Heavenly King restricts the cords of affliction.

Job 36:7-11, Genesis 39-41, Psalm 105:17-21, Romans 8:28

III. There Is Only ONE Body

A. The church is rescued by the cords of sacrifice.

Exodus 27:1-2, Psalm 118:27, Romans 12:1-2, Mark 14:36, Acts 20:22-24, II Timothy 4:6-8

B. The church is represented by the cords of love.

Mark 10:28-31, Hosea 11:1-4, John 3:16, II Corinthians 5:14-15

C. The church is refreshed by the cords of unity.

John 17:20-23, I Corinthians 1:10-13, Ephesians 4:1-16, I Corinthians 12:1-12

CONCLUSION: It is interesting that this song is connected to **Ezekiel 34:16**. God wants us to be bound up, healed, and protected. We should also consider **Zechariah 4:10** and **Song of Solomon 2:15** to remind ourselves not to ignore little things. It is our objective to make new ties and break old ones. The world is trying to tie us down with the cords of death, but Christ is drawing us to Him with cords of life! Which ties will you make and which ties will you break. The choice is yours.

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