

The First Miracle Was Unity

that they may all be one

JN 17:21

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"All these with one accord
were devoting themselves to prayer."
- Acts 1:14

Before the rushing wind of Pentecost.
Before the flames
that rested on each one.
Before the tongues
that spread the gospel.
There was another miracle-
quiet enough to miss,
powerful enough
to change everything.

They stayed together.

The same disciples
who argued about greatness,
who scattered in fear,
who ran from the cross,
who doubted the resurrection-
they didn't drift apart.

They gathered
in one room,
with one heart,
and one desire.

One accord.
homothymadon.
(homo = one, thymadon = heart)
Not heartbeat as in cardiology.
But a shared inner drive,

shared emotional energy,
shared internal movement—
one pulse.

This wasn't natural unity.
Not sentimental unity.
Not "we all get along" unity.

This was the unity Jesus prayed for
in the Upper Room-
"that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

And here,
ten days before Pentecost,
that prayer was already being answered.

The first miracle after the resurrection
was not power.
It was togetherness.

A room full of people
who had failed Jesus-
and failed each other-
choosing to stay,
to pray,
to obey,
to wait
together.

Pentecost didn't create unity.
Unity prepared the way
for Pentecost.

You may not know this about Jesus:
the Spirit's first miracle was a united room.

Where is Jesus inviting me
to pursue unity
as the first act of obedience?

The Spirit loves to fill
a united room.

A humble room.

A room where people stay
even when it would be easier
to leave.

Father,
make my heart one
with the people You've given me.
Form in us the unity
that welcomes Your power.
Teach us to stay,
to pray,
and to obey
together.
In Jesus' name, amen.