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Series: Seven
Part 7: Walk in Unity
Ted Cunningham

1. Tell of a time you encountered a difficult person? Was your reaction? “fight” or “flight” or something else?
2. How did Ted define “troll”? (**A person who sows discord on the internet by starting quarrels or upsetting people, by posting inflammatory or off-topic messages with the intent of provoking readers into an emotional response.**)
3. With Ted’s definition in mind, have you ever been a troll on social media?
 - Do you have Facebook friends you’d have to call a troll?
 - What kind of messages do you tend to post on media such as Facebook?
 - Based on your posts, what would people think your priorities are?
4. Have you known anyone in a church that sows discord? What was the result?
5. Are you good at interacting with people and sharing ideas with Christians who think very differently than you do about issues you hold dear?
6. How can we think differently than others yet remain unified? (**By realizing our essential beliefs are what makes us the church and allowing one another to have differing views on non-essentials.**)
7. What are three of the non-essentials Ted listed? (**Gun control, wine, presidential candidates.**) What are other non-essentials that divide people? How do you determine what is non-essential?
8. When have you been in a church you considered obviously diverse?
9. Paul tells Titus to “avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless” (3:9).
 - What arguments might Paul have had in mind?
 - What arguments do Christians have today that Paul would call unprofitable and useless?
10. What are three responses we might make when perverse people stir-up conflict? (**Silence (which makes us complicit), participation (which fuels the conflict), or confrontation (potential for resolution by speaking up.)**) What is your go-to response?
11. Who do you know who has been a peace maker? Give an example of how this person went about making peace.
12. How have you promoted harmony and unity in one of the various areas of your life?