

MESSAGE NOTES FOR UNITY

3 Ways Our House Can Be Divided

Mark 3:20-21 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

- _____ who _____ really is.

Mark 3:22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

- _____ Jesus’ power to _____.
- _____ Jesus’ _____.

Mark 3:23-26 So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.

Mark 3:27 In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house.

Mark 3:28-30 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.” ³⁰ He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

3 Ways Our House Stands Firm

Mark 3:31-35 Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.” ³³ “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. ³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

- Circle around the Word _____.

- Circle around the Word _____.
- Circle around the Word in _____.

Strong _____ make a strong _____.

Points to Ponder

1. Jesus Christ has called you into an eternal relationship with him. Through faith in Jesus you are now part of his family, the Church. In what areas have you seen Satan trying to pull this family apart?
2. Have you knowingly or unknowingly been part of this division making? If so, take time in prayer to ask God to forgive you and remember Jesus' promise in Mark 8:28, "Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter."
3. By the power of the Holy Spirit living inside of you, what will you do proactively to maintain the unity of our Faith Family?