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| **SERIES** | All Hands on Deck |
| **BIBLE** | Philippians 2:1-11 |
| **TITLE** | Joining Hands |
| **OVERVIEW** | One of the most important parts of being ready in every season, is the community aspect of coming together in unity! If we are going to be a church that is ready for what God has for us it must start from and continue to return to this aspect of unity. The unity we are to be found in is fully founded in Jesus Christ! |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **INTRO:**  ILL – Backdraft Movie  Growing up my younger brother and I loved this Chicago Firefighter Movie about two brothers who grow up to be firefighters together.  The pinnacle of the movie is when the older brother is falling and the younger brother holds onto his hand and yells out, “You Go – I Go!”  A unity in effort.  As a church we are to embody this unity of effort and care and intentionality in mission.  **1. ONE Mind!** (Phil. 2:1-4)  V.1 – Everything flows from Christ! It’s where begin.  V.2 – SAME Mind!  V.3 – SAME Love!  ONE MIND!  What starts in Christ flows to us in the unity of mindset – the unity of moving forward in mission.  This Unity flows in how we live in humility!  V.4 – Look to the interest of others.  Unity flows when we embody humility.  **2. One Mind in CHRIST!** (Phil. 2:5-8)  V.5 – Have this mind in Christ.  Again this unity we seek to embody flows first and foremost in Christ.  VV.6-8  Paul begins to point to the example of Christ of what humility looks like.  VV.6-7 – Humility in form.  V.8 – Obedient to death.  Unity found in Christ comes through our call to die to our self and to give life to others.  How we move forward in mission doesn’t have to do with positions of power but of humility of hearth – a willingness for obedience.  **3. One Mind in Christ GLORIFIED!** (Phil. 2:9-11)  V.9 – THEREFORE – a transition that points back to look forward.  We look at the example of Christ which helps us see.  V.9 – God exalted Christ in His humility.  V.10 – At the Name of Jesus every knee should bow.  V.11 – Tongue confess – Jesus is Lord.  Philippians 3:17 – We join in imitating this example.  Unity doesn’t flow from a quieting of opinions – it flows from living from the example of Christ, unified in mind, embodying humility, living according to the one who is glorified. |
| **GOSPEL** | **John 3:16-17**  “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” |
| **NEXT**STEPS |  |