



DAY 32



## PERFECT UNION

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**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.**

**John 1:1-2**

When you were young did you ever ask your mom for something after your dad had told you no for the very same request? It's a pretty common tactic in our household with our girls. It's made worse when you can hear the entire conversation from the other room with my wife, and then watch them march to you in hopes for a different outcome. We've all been there at some point. This scenario plays out in homes every day, but also in the workplace. One manager may be more sympathetic to your requests, and so you know who to ask. At home we call it pitting one parent against another. What our kids don't realize is that mom and dad talk. As best we can we try to present a united front to our kids. It doesn't serve them well to have them manipulate our relationship in order to get their way.

This is one of the reasons this passage is so powerful. From the beginning of his gospel, John sets the tone for the absolute divinity of Jesus. He demonstrates the perfect union that exists between God the Father and God the Son. Therefore, anything that follows from the mouth of Jesus should be weighed the same as one would expect from the Father.

In our home this unity helps us raise our children. It gives them an understanding that we speak with one heart. In your walk with Jesus it clearly demonstrates the absolute authority he had when he was fully man. You can trust the words of Jesus. They are the words of the Father.

Examine for a moment the divine relationship of the Father and the Son; what reassurance does that union give your faith walk?

How does this understanding shape how you hear the voice of God in the Old Testament? Do you hear the voice of Jesus as well?

*Dear Lord, help us to listen to your voice and submit. Too often we hear and do not heed. We trust you, help us to trust you more fully. We long to follow you, help us to do so more willingly. We love you, help us to love you without reservation. Amen*

