

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

It's amazing how selfishness and stubbornness have destroyed churches, organizations and friendships. I know of a church that went through a terrible split because one of the leaders was upset that the other leaders would not line up with him on some very minor issue. Of course, publicly, he made it sound more significant and substantial than it really was. Sadly, many people just left the church. All along, the real issue was selfishness and stubbornness, of course, with a spiritual spin put on it for public relations purposes. The price was division and disunity.

Regrettably, there may be times we do have to separate from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Error is real, and sometimes we can't fellowship with certain people because they've chosen to go a direction that violates the Word of God. That's not what I am talking about here today. No, we must never move away from people because of stubborn pride.

First Corinthians chapter 1, verse 10 underscores the significance and importance of unity. The Apostle Paul says, "Now I exhort you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment." He's not talking about agreeing on our opinions; he's talking about gentle agreement on the direction we're going—our fellowship in Christ, the oneness of the Word of God—coming together on the essential issues. The basis of our unity is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. His way is more important than our way.

Well, here's what I want you to remember today. Often it's too expensive to have our own way. Let's check our egos and our nonessential opinions at Calvary. Let's speak with one voice and look beyond our secondary positions. Division is just too costly.