

# Like A Mighty Army!



**Text: John 17:20-26**

## **I. Introduction**

- The metaphor of an army is used to describe the Church! It is like a mighty army! There are a number of similarities, but I'll list three of them this morning.

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## **II. In Its Unity**

- Jesus prayed that we (the Church) would be one!
- Jesus wants us to be loving and caring, but it seems that "the Church is the only army that shoots down its own wounded!"
- Jesus prayed that we would be unified so the world would believe in the reality of God. Unity!

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## **III. In Its Purpose**

- Let's be clear about our God-given purpose for existence as Christians: We are to see and to save those who are lost!
- We can have the best of everything in our Church but if no souls are won to Christ here we are just a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal! Without soul-winning there is no purpose and no reason for our existence as a Church!

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## **IV. In Its Dedication To Its Commander-In-Chief**

- Jesus is our one and only leader!
- We are to be a beacon of hope to the hopeless!
- We are to be a beacon of joy to the joyless!
- We are to be a beacon of love to the unloved!

## V. **Conclusion**

- Is the Lord Jesus *your* Commander-in-Chief?