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## Reflections

- Imagine the unity and love of the Triune God. Imagine that unity and love... not just you with Trinity, but you with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
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## Reflections:

- Imagine the glory that one experiences in the full presence of God the Father.
- Imagine Jesus stepping away from that glory into a world beyond our comprehension in order to make that glory available to us.

## John 17:6-19

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world, and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> I know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray that they will be united in us, sharing in our glory. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are. <sup>12</sup> I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

And I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>13</sup>

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