



Living Undivided: Loving Courageously for Racial Healing and Justice

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Moving from Fearful Avoidance of Racial Issues to Brave Investment in Actionable Change

Racial division is a prevalent issue in the Church today, yet God has promised His people a unified future. Seeking to provide a path forward, **Chuck Mingo** and **Troy Jackson** founded UNDIVIDED, an organization built to unite and ignite people for racial justice. In their new book, *Living Undivided: Loving Courageously for Racial Healing and Justice* (Baker Books, January 2024), Chuck and Troy invite readers to take action in the story of reconciliation that God is writing.

Living Undivided gives readers wisdom to understand God's heart for racial healing, solidarity, and justice and encourages realistic action through an ongoing process called the UNDIVIDED Circle. These 6 steps can be taken over and over again:

- 1. **Roots**—Examining how our identity and journey prepare us for racial healing and justice.
- 2. **Realize**—Confronting the broader story of race in the United States.
- 3. **Respond**—Prioritizing relationships with the people most affected by injustice and people with different experiences and perspectives regarding race and ethnicity.
- 4. **Reckon**—Charting a new direction through healing, repentance, and transformation.
- 5. **Restore**—Taking action to repair wounds and cultivate systems in which all people flourish.
- 6. **Resolve**—Committing to pursuing racial healing and justice by inviting others and developing leaders for lasting impact.

"We are living in a deeply divisive time when our American democracy is in jeopardy. During this reality, Chuck Mingo and Troy Jackson have provided a path forward in *Living Undivided*. This book is an invitation to freedom rooted in love and justice. If you want to build a new future together with others in a world that desperately needs change, this book is for you! I highly recommend it!"

-Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, author of *Becoming Brave* and *Roadmap to Reconciliation 2.0*

"Because of the work of Jesus, racial unity isn't only possible, it's inevitable," write Chuck and Troy. "At the end of time, when Jesus comes and reigns on the throne, there will be a reconciled people who are racially different but united through Christ's blood. Why not experience this right now?"





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About the Authors

Chuck Mingo is the founder and CEO of UNDIVIDED. During a spike of racial tension in America, he heard a calling to be a voice for racial healing, solidarity, and justice. The UNDIVIDED movement was born and has since been activating people across the nation. Chuck and his wife, Maria, are raising three busy kids in Cincinnati, Ohio. Chuck is passionate about his relationship with Jesus, his family, and about being part of what God is doing to transform communities through the "big C" church. Learn more at chuckmingo.com.

Troy Jackson Troy Jackson is a co-founder of UNDIVIDED and the Chief Strategies Officer. Former senior pastor of University Christian Church in Cincinnati, he loves moving people into action to advance racial justice and has spent the last decade doing faithbased community organizing. He has an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in United States History from the University of Kentucky. After raising three children, Troy and his wife Amanda moved to their dream home – a cabin in the woods outside Cincinnati, Ohio.

About UNDIVIDED

UNDIVIDED formally began its work in 2016. While our personal stories vary, the thread that ties us together is a collective of people who have roots in the American Evangelical church and are troubled by the racial harm and injustices we see today.

Together, we saw the gap in book studies and DEI trainings that have limited lasting impact and often cause harm. With our diverse, collective expertise, our team has built experiential programming designed to take businesses, organizations, and churches from isolation into community and from inertia to action. The experiences bring people together to learn from each other with honesty, integrity, and vulnerability, moving them toward awareness, through agitation, and into action.

We believe in a world where all people flourish, and human dignity is a gift we all enjoy. We're creative and forward-thinking while remaining rooted in the spiritual heritage of hopeful historical movements for freedom and justice. So let's do more than listen and learn. Let's invite communities to repair racial harm, heal racial trauma, and realize racial equity. Let's be UNDIVIDED!

- Will you tell us about your background and the UNDIVIDED organization?
- The vision for UNDIVIDED is a flow of racial healing and justice. What does a "flow" of racial healing look like?
- Justice is a contentious word when you speak of *racial* justice. What does that look like? What does it mean to do justice, and how can we pursue it?
- Many people who have been battling on this front for years are feeling weary and powerless. What does God promise us about racial reconciliation that can comfort those who are losing hope?
- You mention in the book that most of us are living in echo chambers—we are surrounded by, listen to, and follow like-minded people. What are the potential problems of an echo chamber, and how can we begin to break out of these molds?
- The framework for *Living Undivided* is the UNDIVIDED Circle. Will you tell us more about that process?
- It's important for us to understand both where we come from as individuals but also what our nation's history is. What steps do you recommend someone take if they have little understanding of our nation's past? Why is that crucial for the *Living Undivided* vision? What in our shared story gives us hope and vision for what's possible today?
- As you mention in the book, many people may agree and understand the problem of racial injustice in our country but don't necessarily know how to move forward. What's the next step in the UNDIVIDED Circle for those who are ready to take action?
- Where can our audience go to connect with you and purchase a copy of *Living Undivided*?

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