

Partnering or Rewriting the Team



We, in the West, seem to have lost the closeness of family. In other countries, families still live in the same compounds. This brings inter dependency and safety.

But today we can live in isolation and that can leave us lonely and weary.

We live in a Facebook/Instagram/Twitter generation where we tell others about us; a 'me' centered culture.



Q. How long has it been since someone talked to you without an agenda...just to see how you are doing?



cf. Benjamin O Davis Jr. from the famous Tuskegee Airmen who fought 5000 missions in the 2nd world war. Once 200 consecutive missions with no loss. (at 14 brought up into a plane and he was hooked. Joined Westpoint College – first black man there. 'silent treatment')

But I can be an isolated minister; "I don't need anyone!" I was rejected to get here – now let me get on with it.

The 'para' church needs the 'local' church

Acts 15:36

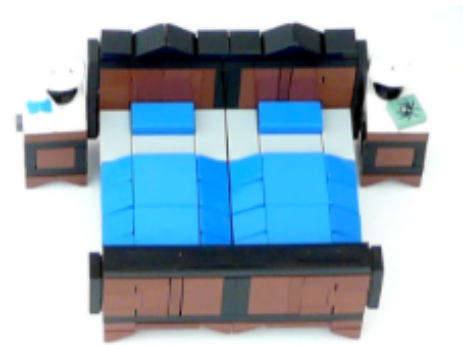
Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.”

Psalms 133

Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity..

Luke 5:17ff

They carried the paralyzed man on his bed to Jesus.



When he saw *‘their’* faith, he said to *‘him’*!

The AIM was to get the guy to Jesus.

They

- Came alongside
- Realized their limitations
- Made up for each other’s weaknesses
- Worked together
- Agreed
- Went the same way/direction
- Talked together
- All pulled together
- Same priority – get the man to Jesus

Philippians 1

Philippians 1:5

I always pray with joy because of your *‘partnership’* in the Gospel.

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

Sharing of rewards!

Luke 5:1-11



Luke 5:4

He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your **nets** for a catch.”

Luke 5:5

“Master we have toiled all night and caught nothing, nevertheless at your word I will let down the **net**.”