



IT'S A TEAM EFFORT

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As I read verses 4 and 5 of Romans 12, it conveyed to me the concept of a team. As I meditated on the phrase, "many members in one body," it seemed to be descriptive of team makeup.

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If JLAL is going to be productive, effective, and successful as a ministry, we must function as a team. We must realize that the success of the ministry is not predicated on one player (the pastor) but relies upon the cooperation and collaboration of all of the team (the members of JLAL).

The word team refers to a group of people who perform tasks interdependently to accomplish a common mission, vision, goal, or objective, making them dependent on one another to achieve it.

Interdependent tasks - tasks performed individually yet relying on each other in an effort to achieve a common goal.

The individual tasks are a part of a collective effort. So, these tasks require joint effort and collaboration among group members in achieving the goal or mission.

Regardless of the area of ministry, we all work toward a common goal.

This certainly speaks of the mission we have as the Body of Christ worldwide, JLAL as part of the Body of Christ, and each of us as members of JLAL and the Body of Christ as a whole.

Jesus was all about doing ministry as a team. Jesus exemplified the importance of teamwork by choosing twelve disciples to accompany and assist Him in His ministry.

Jesus later appointed 70 - **Luke 10:1 - After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.**

There were 120 disciples who gathered together in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost.

Acts 1:15 AMP - 15 Now on one of these days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (a gathering of about a hundred and twenty believers was there)

Jesus appeared to 500 disciples at one time after His resurrection.

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Corinthians 15:6 - 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time.



The disciples were not merely a collection of followers but a team of partners who shared in the mission of Jesus' ministry. **Mark 6:7 - "And He called the twelve to Him and began to send them out two by two, giving them authority over unclean spirits."**

Ex. Group on a camping trip - not just a group of people following you, but someone helping and assisting to set up camp.

The concept of teamwork in ministry was so impactful, we see it mirrored in the Book of Acts which provides numerous examples of teamwork in the early church.

Acts 2:42-47 NKJV - 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. (Fellowship is a key component in developing teamwork.) 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

(The teamwork of the early church was pivotal in its growth.)

The apostles worked together to address the challenges of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and provided support and encouragement through fellowship with one another.

(Acts 6:1-7 - The appointment of deacons was to meet the needs of the ministry. The church grew after deacons were assigned.)

In John 17, Jesus prayed that we would become a team.

* John 17 contains the longest recorded prayer of Jesus.

* Jesus prays this after He finishes His final instructions to the disciples and before He is betrayed, arrested, and crucified.

* Prayer is known as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer and has been called the Lord's Prayer.

* First, Jesus prays for Himself, then He prays for His disciples, and He closes the prayer by praying for all believers.

John 17:20-23 - 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, (Jesus wanted you to be a part of His team. There may have been reasons you weren't picked for teams in your youth - your skills, stature, or personal bias. Don't allow the fact that you weren't chosen to impact your sense of worth or ability. Jesus will always choose you for His team, and you'll always be a number one draft choice.) that the world may believe that You sent Me. (Our teamwork is a witness to the world that Jesus is Lord and Savior.)



Solomon's wisdom, palace, and staff were a witness to the Queen of Sheba of the greatness and goodness of Almighty God.

I Kings 10:1-10 AMP - Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with riddles. 2 So she came to Jerusalem with a very large caravan (entourage), with camels carrying spices, a great quantity of gold, and precious stones. When she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about everything that was on her mind [to discover the extent of his wisdom]. 3 Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king which he did not explain to her. 4 When the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house (palace) which he had built, 5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants (court officials), the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cupbearers, his stairway by which he went up to the house (temple) of the Lord, she was breathless and awed [by the wonder of it all]. 6 Then she told the king, “The report which I heard in my own land about your words and wisdom is true! 7 I did not believe the report until I came and saw it with my own eyes. Behold, the half of it was not told to me. You exceed in wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard. 8 How blessed (fortunate, happy) are your men! How blessed are these your servants who stand continually before you, hearing your wisdom! 9 Blessed be the Lord your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, He made you king to execute justice and righteousness.” 10 She gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold and a very great quantity of spices and precious stones. Never again did such an abundance of spices come in [to Israel] as that which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.