

The Power of Togetherness

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 32:30 “How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had surrendered them? ³¹ for their rock is not like our Rock,

Introduction:

This scripture shows us the power that togetherness holds. When God is on our side, He gives two or more of His believers the power to overthrow a multitude even though greatly outnumbered. This is borne out by many scriptures in the Word of God.

I. Togetherness gives us strength when we are weak from the constant struggle of life.

A. Moses needed Aaron and Hur while interceding for the battle in the valley below.
Exodus 17:8-13 “Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ⁹And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.” ¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses’ hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

B. Two or more involved in any endeavor are always more successful than one alone.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰for if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. ¹¹Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? ¹²Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

1. If you fall, there’s someone to help you up.
2. Two can keep each other hot for God because they can encourage each other.

II. People working together can complete tasks that otherwise might be too difficult to accomplish.

Nehemiah 4:1-16 “¹But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. ²And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?” ³Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, “Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall.” ⁴Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity! ⁵Do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked You to anger before the builders. ⁶So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work. ⁷Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry, ⁸and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion. ⁹Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night. ¹⁰Then Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.” ¹¹And our adversaries said, “They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.” ¹²So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, “From whatever place you turn, they will be upon us.” ¹³Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their

swords, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses." ¹⁵And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work. ¹⁶So it was, from that time on, that half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and wore armor; and the leaders were behind all the house of Judah."

- A. Our enemy never wants to see us accomplish anything for God.
- B. The people must get a mind to work together in order to overcome the mockery and the suggestions of defeat that come from the enemy.
- C. "We prayed" and "we set a watch". That's togetherness.
- D. Each person had his special task to perform and because of their willingness to work together they were successful.

Two men were riding a bicycle built for two when they came to a big steep hill. It took a great deal of struggle for the men to complete what proved to be a very stiff climb. When they got to the top the man in front turned to the other and said, "Boy, that sure was a hard climb." The fellow in back replied, "Yes, and if I hadn't kept the brakes on all the way we would certainly have rolled down backwards."

III. When we're together, our prayers are more powerful.

Matthew 18:19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."