

Working on a Common Cause

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Team - a group of people with a commitment to one another, to the team, to a high level of achievement, to a common goal, and to a common vision. They understand that team success depends on the work of every member.

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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4:11 – God enables (equips) his people

4:12 – The purpose for his people – works of service for the building up of the body

4:13 – The final goal for his people – to attain the unity of faith, the knowledge of Christ and the maturity of the fullness of Christ living through us.

The Need for a Common Vision

1 Corinthians 1:10–17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought....

Vision Statement

In our vision to become a more CARING congregation with strong emphasis on FAMILIES and further encourage participation and involvement by all members of the congregation we will focus on preventive actions to assure that stable families are developed and maintained

Our congregational VISION has three primary focus areas: (1) CARING for people who hurt; (2) developing and maintaining effective FAMILIES; and (3) exemplifying CHRIST'S LOVE in individual members' daily lives as we show God's grace through our love for each other.

fundamental principles of teamwork:

Cooperation with each other

James 4:1

Philippians 2:1-3

Romans 12:10

1 Peter 2:17

1 Cor 10:33

John 13:34-35

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Dedicated commitment to the objectives

1 Corinthians 15:58

Colossians 3:23-24

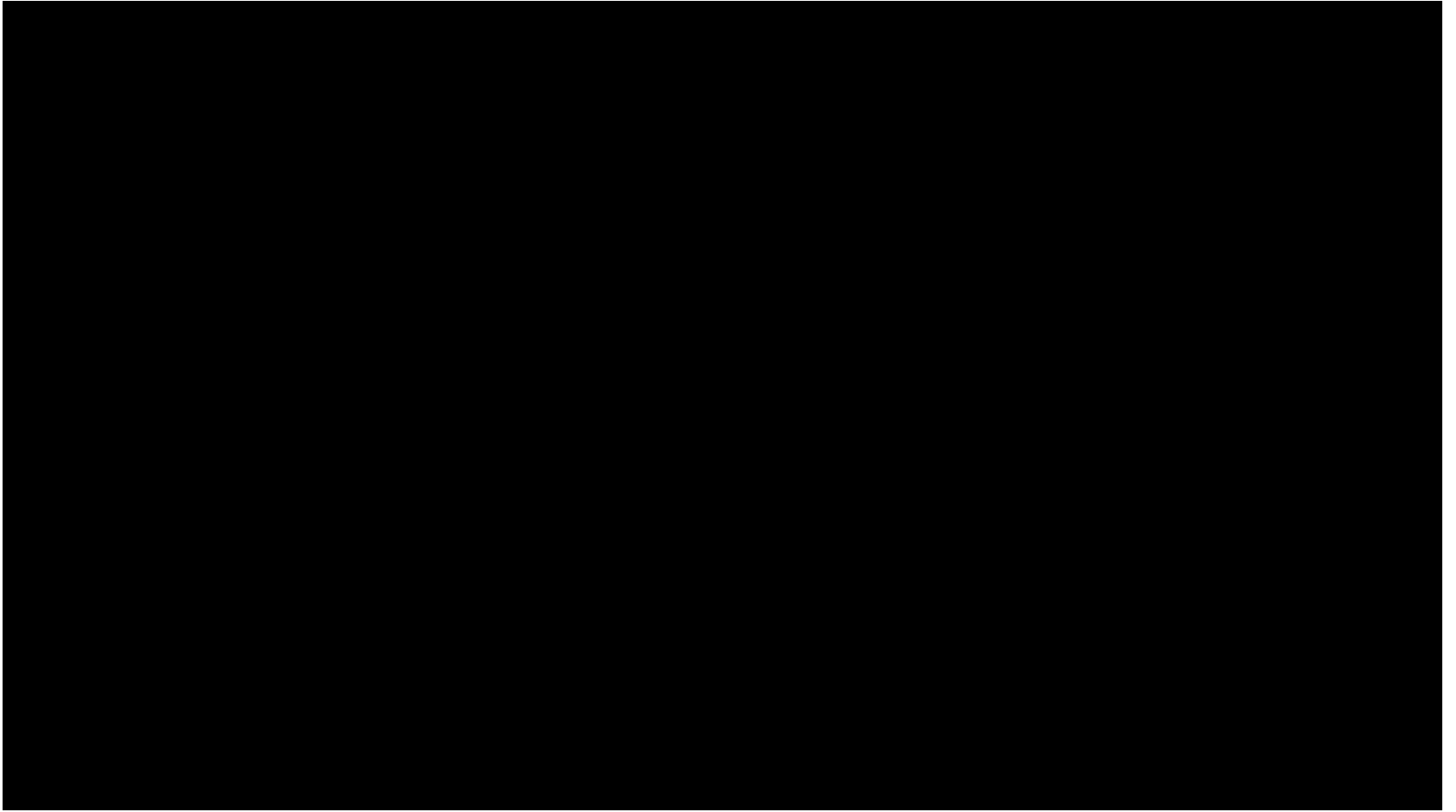
How big is too big?

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Proverbial elephant example



How big is too big?

What went wrong?

Was the elephant too big?

Did this remind you of anything?

How big is too big?

Here's the main point:

The probability of a team's success is directly proportional to the urgency of and the commitment to a common goal.

Setting Goals

Goals are simply the vision/mission broken down into smaller pieces that are measurable in time and space.

Make them SMART

- **S**pecific
- **M**easurable
- **A**ctionable
- **R**ealistic
- **T**ime-bound

5 “C”s of Fostering Teamwork

- **C**ommunication
- **C**ollaboration
- **C**ulture
- **C**reativity
- **C**ommitment

One step further

What about your family?

Should you consider that a team?

Do you all share a common vision?

Is everyone committed to it?

Is it written down?

Conclusion

Teamwork is working together towards a common vision. It enables ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary results, not of ourselves, but through Him who strengthens us.

When we are willing... God is able

He is waiting to show His glory to the world through us.