Competition vs **Collaboration**

Competition:

A rivalry between individuals or entities, typically characterized by a desire to achieve a common goal or objective, often involving a degree of conflict or tension.

Collaboration:

The process of working together with one or more individuals or groups to achieve a common goal or objective.

Which sounds more like Kingdom?

Nehemiah (Old Testament)

He was charged to rebuild the wall. Didn't choose for singular or individual glory / success, but rather communal.

Individuals coming together to achieve never seen before results. For the Glory of God and of Jerusalem (the city).

His call, birthed in prayer (ch. 1) His response (ch. 2) The assessing (ch. 3) The assembly; gate by gate, layer on layer, side by side even in a time of opposition they continued (ch. 4 and 5) The Completion (ch. 6; vs 15–16)

The Value of Wisdom

Yields riches and honor - 8:11, 18 Is greater than rubies, good or silver - 8:10-11, 19 Blesses the wise - 8:32, 34 Gives life to the wise - 8:35

Nehemiah (New Testament)

The twelve; Jesus called a diverse group to achieve uncommon results in only three years. Then to continue upon his departure.

Jesus only divided where there was already division of heart (Matt. 10:34-40) (Matt 12 Jesus established as Lord of the Sabbath combats religious divisions)

He modeled servant leadership and true unity – not conformity – he called for unity of heart and mind.

He chose us to do the same.

Competition or Collaboration?

Read: John 14:16 "You didn't choose me – I chose you."

Read: Mark 6:7 "Then HE SENT them out in twos."

Created Individually, but to work together

Romans 12:4-6

Two are better than one Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Iron sharpens iron Proverbs 27:17

United in mind and thought 1 Corinthians 1:10

We are CO-workers 1 Corinthians 3:9

Spurring one another Hebrews 10:24–25

The WHOLE BODY working together to accomplish much

Ephesians 4:12-16

WE are part of many 1 Corinthians 12:17–25

Example in the Church

Ephesians 4:11-12

WE are called to look out for one another

Phillipians 2:3-4

Called to be ONE

REFLECTION PROMPTS

• What do you hear in your heart when you read these scriptures?

• What changes need to take place in order to come into alignment scripture?

• In what ways can you apply the revelation you are receiving to your everyday life?

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