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Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - Group Study  
**Lesson Series: Dwelling Together In Unity**

Lesson Series Text: (*Psa. 133:1-3*)

**Lesson 3: The Governing Team**

Lesson 3 Text: (*Exo. 18:13-26*)

*All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.*

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- I. If the elders, ministers, deacons, deaconess and coordinators of our ministries don't flow together in unity; then the rest of this body will find it difficult to do also.
  - A. As this church continue to grow, it is imperative that all the leadership and governing entities dwell and flow together in unity.
  - B. Whether we speak of our Ministry Staff, Ministry Leadership, Ministry Teams, or Business Board Team; we must dwell together in unity.
- II. Definitions of a team.
  - A. To harness or yoke together.
  - B. To join in a cooperative activity.
  - C. A joint action of a group, in which each person subordinates his individual interests and opinions to the unity and efficiency of the group.
  - D. The word team was initially used to describe a group of horses or oxen, harnessed to the same vehicle or plow and pulling their weight together.
- III. Government Team Ministry is when two or more Leadership Team Members, come together in a coordinated joint effort, in which individual ministries and talents are blended together in submission to each other; to reach a common spiritual goal.
  - A. It is being yoked together. (*Mat. 11:28-30*)
  - B. We see terms in the scriptures such as fellow-workers, fellow-soldiers, fellow-servants, fellow-laborer, fellow-citizens, fellow-heirs, etc.
  - C. The word "fellow" in these words describe a union.
    - a. The union is one of association, companionship, process, resemblance, etc.
  - D. A team is a group with the same mind, speaking the same thing and going in the same directions. (*1 Cor. 1:10*)
  - E. One People, One Thought, One Language = Nothing Impossible. (*Gen. 11:1-7*)
- IV. The Bible provides us with examples of Governing Teams under the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.
  - A. In the Godhead. (*1 John 5:7*)
    - a. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
    - b. Each has a distinct ministry and function.
    - c. They are one in mind, will, judgment, and purpose.
    - d. They are one people, one thought, and one language. Nothing is impossible to them.

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- B. In Israel under Moses leadership. (*Exo. 18:13-26*)
  - a. Jethro recommends that Moses share leadership.
  - b. Moses appoints heads of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.
  - c. Let them serve as judges to the people.
  - d. The hard questions were brought to Moses.
- C. Israel under Moses and the Tribe of Levi. (*Exo. 28-29*)
  - a. Moses, Aaron and his sons, and the tribe of Levi.
  - b. The Tribe of Levi was the servant tribe to the High Priestly household and to the 12 Tribes of Israel.
- D. Jesus and the Twelve Disciples. (*Luke 9 :1*)
- E. Apostles and Elders. (*Acts 15:2*)
- F. The Bishops (Overseers or Pastors) and Deacons. (*Phi. 1:1*)
- V. In each of the local churches such as Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, etc., there was no one person rule. They were always as team of apostles, prophets, elders, teachers, Bishops (Overseers or Pastors); along with the appointed officers such as deacons or deaconess.

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