

In February 1990 I went to Kenya for several weeks to conduct open air evangelism and also to teach church pastors about leadership. As I prepared teachings on that subject, it occurred to me that the best example of leadership is God himself! God then led me to look at the first chapters of Genesis. The first thing we notice is the idea of **'Team Leadership'**. "In the beginning God (plural) created the heavens and the earth - Genesis 1:1. God said 'Let **us** make man in **our** image' - Genesis 1:26. The original team in the universe is God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit.) They each had different roles, but they were totally unified in purpose. It stretches our finite minds when we think that at some point they agreed to create a universe and populate one particular planet with people. Team leadership requires **communication** and this requires **relationship** and that requires **time** together. They had a **common vision based on love**. We often see a breakdown in leadership teams because of 'division' which means there is more than one vision. However, this often occurs when there is a breakdown of communication when they do not build relationships and spend time together. As you read through the gospels, you will notice the close relationship Jesus had with the heavenly Father, but also with his disciples. Years ago I calculated that the disciples spent at least 20,000 waking hours with Jesus. This was intensive team building! This is why leadership teams find it helpful to go on retreats together to strengthen relationships and develop greater harmony. It would be good for Christian teams to study and pray together regularly too. - Acts 2:42-47. There is often good fruit that comes from this as **intimacy brings creativity**. In the natural realm, intimacy between a man and woman brings new births. It is the same in the spiritual realm. It was 10 years ago that this writing ministry was birthed when I became intimate in prayer with several Christians at a weekly Tuesday night prayer gathering that continued for over 5 years.

A husband and wife are a leadership team in a family and it is important that they spend time together and communicate with each other. They should also pray together as they draw closer to God, which reminds us of the old maxim...

The family that prays together stays together.

As you read through the various sections on our website: jesusreigns.net you find that we mention the importance of unity and harmony and as you read through the Bible you will see how God and people at times demonstrate the power of **agreement** which is **sumphoneo** in the Greek. This is how we get the word **symphony** which in its purest expression is when all available instruments are in harmony. It produces a wonderful sound. How precious it is to God when his saints walk together in love, unity and harmony.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

- Psalm 133:1a

The place of agreement is the place of power. - Edwin Louis Cole

**The place of disagreement and disunity is the place of weakness.
Satan seeks to divide and conquer the unity of God's teams and families.**

When we abide in unity with God, His Word and one another, our prayers will be answered! God is pleased when His children reflect His image and bear fruit!

- John 15:7-8

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