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Message Notes



Milestones - Part 3

"Teamwork"

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Note **Acts 15:21**

Today we're going to discover there's such a thing as _____ criticism.

1. Why Is Embracing Teamwork _____?

- A. Teamwork is _____.
- B. An *"I'd rather do it myself"* _____ is an issue.
- C. Not every team member is equally _____ which can produce frustration.
- D. Not every team member has the same _____ of passion/commitment which can be frustrating.
- E. Gifted leaders often _____ their capabilities.

God _____ us to work in teams of infinitely various kinds (note **1 Corinthians 12:14-20**).

What did God _____ Moses about teamwork?

2. No One Can Do It _____

Note **Exodus 17:8-16**

Moses was the _____ (note **Exodus 17:10-16**), but even he couldn't do it alone (note **Exodus 17:11b**). He needed a team to be _____ (note **Exodus 17:12-13**).

This was a new _____ for Moses (he was mostly a _____ act in Egypt).

Note **Exodus 18:13-14**

Moses' response revealed a _____ problem (for Moses and his people); but it's still a problem today (note **Exodus 18:15-16**).

This kind of thinking still happens today in _____ and with church leaders...

_____ ministry is too heavy a responsibility to do entirely alone...(note **Exodus 18:18**).

Everyone _____ when a *"Lone Ranger"* mentality dominates...

3. God Uses _____

Jethro's criticism was _____ (i.e., helpful advice/encouragement).

Note **Exodus 18:19-22a**

Tens = _____ size for small groups.



- 1 Come every Sunday
- 2 Be part of a group
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Positive, healthy, effective teams happen when people are not just given responsibility but also enough _____ to carry out those responsibilities.

The fact that Moses listened to and accepted Jethro's advice and put it into practice is an example of genuine _____, and it's a model for churches and church leaders...

Moses and the Israelites _____ from this development of healthy ministry teams (note **Exodus 18:22b-23**).

This didn't lessen the need for _____ leadership (note **Exodus 18:20**).

This allowed him to literally expand his own leadership base as well as teaching and training new leadership (note **Exodus 18:24-26**).

Note **Numbers 11:14, 16-17, 24-25, 28-29**

MILESTONES MATTER:

- No matter how gifted we think we are or what levels of resources we may possess, God wants to move us beyond a "Lone Ranger/I'd rather do it myself" mentality and learn that we can't be effective alone and that God uses teams.
- Have you _____ God's team/family?
- Are you a part of a team?
- Is teamwork a spiritual _____ in your life?
- Take your next step today.

Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If God were to change your name after you became a Christian like he did to Jacob (whose name God changed to Israel), what do you think it would be and why?

1. Pastor Tom listed 5 reasons why embracing teamwork can be challenging. (See your message notes or the RC app.) From your own experience, what is most challenging for you about being on a team?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 12:14-20**; **Exodus 17:8-16** & **18:13-18**. What warnings and encouragements can we take away from these verses that will help us to be more effective team members?
3. How can having a “*Lone Ranger*” mentality get in our way and do us more harm than good? What attitudes, perceptions, and actions must we embrace to escape it?
4. Read through Jethro and Moses’ conversation (**Exodus 18:13-23**). What made Jethro’s criticism “constructive” and how was it received? How can receiving constructive criticism well benefit you and others for good and for God’s glory?
5. In what way is teamwork a spiritual discipline and how will you cooperate with the Holy Spirit to allow it to change you?

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner’s Bible Reading System.

Day One: Luke 20; Psalm 3

Day Two: Numbers 36; Proverbs 29

Day Three: Hebrews 10; 1 Corinthians 2

Day Four: James 1; Ezekiel 30

Day Five: Job 29; Acts 13



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