THE UNITED TEAM

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PSALM 133:1-3, ROMANS 12:4-5

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Scriptures Speak

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! **Psalm 133:1**

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. **Romans 12:4-5**

A people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations. Every one marches in formation, and they do not break ranks, they do not push one another; every one marches in his own column. **Joel 2:1,7-8**

CASE STUDY

❖Members of Awa Lokan Association were informed by their President that **Blue** would be the color for their Anniversary.

❖On the day of the Anniversary, six of the members were dressed in **blue**, however, three had a touch of **red**, while one member's outfit was **blue** and **black**.

❖The President was angry and informed the members that they would not be part of the group picture because they disobeyed the instruction.

CASE STUDY cont'd

❖ **What is your opinion about the President's actions?**

❖ **Were the members' actions wrong?**

❖ **What are some vital ingredients for a winning team?**

INTRODUCTION

Unity is not…

❖**Uniformity:** Having different personalities, backgrounds and temperaments plays a major role in winning teams. **1 Corinthians 12:17, 19**

❖**Silence:** Being coerced or hushed does not equate to unity. In fact, unresolved wounds can be likened to little foxes. **Songs of Solomon 2:15**

❖**The Absence of Conflict:** Disagreements are part of human interactions. The way they are handled is what determines the future of the team. **Acts 15:36-39**

INTRODUCTION

What is Unity? What are some features of a united team.

❖**Working towards a common goal:** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house...and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46-47**

❖**Working within a structure:** "They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war; every one marches in formation, and they do not break ranks." **Joel 2:7**

❖**Working in the area of each person's strength:** "They do not push one another; every one marches in his own column." **Joel 2:8**

THREATS TO UNITY

❖**Division:** When team members have different, unharmonized opinions about the goals and approaches. **Acts 15:36-39**

❖**Disagreement:** This could be as a result of perceived injustice, neglect or unresolved conflicts. **Acts 6:1**

❖**Deception:** In instances where people are not-straightforward, unity and success will be threatened. John **13:21**

BUILDING AND SUSTAINING UNITY

❖ **U.N.I.T.E**

❖ **Understand inherent differences and utilize them for the good of the team. 1 Corinthians 12:15-17**

❖ **Nip issues in the bud: Address flash points as they emerge. Conflict unaddressed can be cancerous. Acts 6:2-5**

❖ **Involve team members in conflict resolution, decision making and execution. This addresses division and ensure collaboration. Acts 6:3-4**

BUILDING AND SUSTAINING UNITY

❖ **U.N.I.T.E**

❖ **Trace the source of conflict: Addressing shoots rather than roots might only bring temporary relief.** **Acts 6:1**

❖ **Ensure that Christ and his word is the focus and guiding principle. The enemy is not pleased with unity and seeks to disrupt any semblance of togetherness. With Christ's help and His word, we will be victorious.** **Matthew 7:24-25, Romans 8:37**

CONCLUSION

❖**A united team is the Father's delight but it does not happen by default. It requires conscious and continuous efforts to attain and maintain unity. But by God's help, we will be united! We will do great things.**

❖**The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Genesis 11:6**