

# The Power of Together

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- I. **The Bible gives us dramatic revelation of how people working together can cause unusual things to happen in the world (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).**
  - A. Provision— “a good return for your labor”(Ecclesiastes 4:9).
  - B. Protection—covering each other when we are at risk (Ecclesiastes 4:10-12)
  - C. Power—accomplishing the impossible. “Nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them” (Genesis 11:1-9).
  
- II. **God bought the Church “with His own blood” (Acts 20:28).**
  - A. We have the power to be the salt and light of the earth (Matthew 5:13-16).
  - B. The Church of Jesus Christ is a holy nation in the midst of the nations (I Peter 2:9).
  - C. We are one in Spirit but diverse in language and culture (Acts 2:1-13, 36-41).
  - D. The power of unity is offered to all believers in every land (Acts 2:42-47).
  - E. The greatest challenge for all believers is division from within (Acts 6:1-7).
  
- III. **The greatest opportunity for all believers is found when they are of one heart and mind and pray from a place of unity. If great power is released among harmonizing, disobedient people (Genesis 11:1-9), what is possible for God’s holy, blood-bought nation when they cry out in prayer for the world (Psalm 133; Matthew 18:18-20)?**
  - A. What does it mean to “agree about anything they ask for?”
    1. It means to purposely gather for prayer to Jesus (Matthew 18:20).
    2. It means to relationally agree (harmonize—sumphoneo) (Matthew 18:19, 21-35).
  - B. Two great mysteries
    1. How often we don’t pray with those who are closest to us relationally.
    2. How those who often partner together in prayer experience deep fellowship.
  - C. Examples of pray partnerships in the Bible
    1. Paul carried the Philippians in his heart. Who do you carry? (Philippians 1:3-11)
    2. Paul and the Colossians (Colossians 4:2-4)
    3. Epaphras and the Colossians wrestling in prayer for one another (Colossians 4:12)
    4. Confessing our weaknesses and praying for one another (James 5:16)
  
- IV. **God is looking for people who will pray His purposes and desires onto the earth (Ezekiel 22:30).**
  - A. Jesus taught that we should pray with “shameless audacity” (Luke 11:5-13).
  - B. James explained that we do not have, because we do not ask (James 4:2-3).
  - C. We are an Elijah generation (James 5:16-18).
  - D. Elijah declared God’s will and then prayed it in. Notice the delay, even when Elijah knew he had the answer (7 times) (I King 18:41-45).

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