

July 28 | Sunday

At the Movies: Apollo 11 (teamwork)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:20-25



29 | Mon – Group victory | Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-19

In July 1969, U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first human being in known history to step onto the surface of the moon. He was successful because of the thousands of people working behind the scenes, each with the skills needed to achieve the previously impossible. Have you ever been a part of some great endeavor? Were you the Neil Armstrong of the project or one of the supporting staff? Could you have succeeded without the help of others? Why or why not?

30 | Tue – Who's Who List | Read 1 Kings 5:13-16

The beautiful golden temple in Jerusalem was called Solomon's Temple. He may have been the architect but it would never have been built without the construction crews. It took seven years and approximately 183,000 skilled workers to make the king's plans a reality. Few were mentioned by name but you can be sure they were proud of their contribution. What team are you a part of? Do you work hard even if you might not receive any recognition?

31 | Wed – TEAM up | Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

You may have heard the acronym T.E.A.M. {Together Everyone Achieves More} and found it to be true in many areas of life - at work, on a project, in a family. And it is certainly true in the church. Every follower of Jesus is a team member in God's project to redeem humankind. Different jobs require different skills and leaders at different times but Paul reminds us that God is the ultimate project manager. Have you discovered your part yet?

01 | Thu – It's not always about you | Read 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

If you break an ankle, your whole body hurts. If you win a marathon, your whole body is excited. That is the way the body of Christ works. Sure, it is easy at times to become a little calloused about the troubles of others or jealous of their unexpected blessings when you are experiencing struggles of your own but that is the beauty of being connected. No believer has to go through anything alone. What a blessing to be the answer to another person's prayer?

02 | Fri – Critic or contributor | Read Nehemiah 3:1-12 and 4:1-3 and 6:15

Nehemiah came with resources to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and it gave the people hope. This seemingly insurmountable task could not have been accomplished by only a select few so everyone pitched in. The critics said 'it can't be done' but the ridicule, the insults, the threats made no difference. Because they worked together and encouraged each other, the wall was rebuilt in just 52 days, an astounding feat! Think of any projects you are involved with right now. Are you a contributor or a critic? Who do you want to be?

03 | Sat – Who has your back? | Read Nehemiah 4:15-20

A true team not only works together but they also have each other's back. Nehemiah's crews were harassed by outside forces which threatened to destroy their project. What would have happened if the team members did not protect each other from those threats? What would have happened if they had turned on each other when things got tough? How do you as a member of the body of Christ work together with other believers to see God's kingdom grow? Are there ways you can better protect and encourage those you work with?