

### COME JOIN A WINNING TEAM

*Daily Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. <sup>14</sup>When Jethro, his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?" <sup>15</sup>Moses answered him, "The people come to me to seek God's will. <sup>16</sup>Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws." <sup>17</sup>Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup>You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. <sup>19</sup>Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to Him. <sup>20</sup>Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. <sup>21</sup>Select capable men from all the people--men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain--and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>22</sup>Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. <sup>23</sup>If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."*

Exodus 18:13-23 (NIV)

#### ❖ Why Teams Don't Win:

1. They have a LACK of VISION.

*Where there is no vision, the people perish...*

Proverbs 29:18a (NIV)

2. There is a LACK of LEADERSHIP.

*In those days there was no king in Israel...*

Judges 21:25a (NIV)

3. They LACK a clear PURPOSE.

*... every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

Judges 21:25b (NIV)

#### ❖ What People are Looking for Today:

1. They are looking for QUALITY.

2. They are looking for SERVICE.

3. They are looking for VALUE.

#### ❖ What Does a Winning Team Look Like?

*Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

1. Winning teams have a COMPELLING VISION.

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

2. Winning teams have COMMITTED LEADERSHIP.

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NAS)

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

3. Winning teams have a COMMON PURPOSE.

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

*"I have come to seek and save that which is lost..."*

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

4. Winning teams have a CLEAR PROCESS.

*All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Acts 2:44-47 (NIV)

5. Winning teams have a CAN-DO ATTITUDE.

*From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." <sup>18</sup>As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him.*

Matthew 4:17-20 (NIV)

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

6. Winning teams COMMUNICATE DEPENDENCE on each other.

*God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup>If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, but one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable... <sup>24</sup>But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup>If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

1 Corinthians 12:18-22, 24b-26 (NIV)

❖ Closing Questions:

- What is your part?
- Are you doing your part?