

## Cooperation

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“It is amazing how much people can get done if they do not worry about who gets the credit.” Sandra Swinney

Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone? And if a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. ~~ Ecclesiastes 4:11-12

A troop of Boy Scouts gathered for their annual hike in the woods. Taking off at sunrise, they commenced a fifteen-mile trek through some of the most scenic grounds in the country. About midmorning, the Scouts came across an abandoned section of railroad track. Each, in turn, tried to walk the narrow rails, but after only a few steps, each lost his balance and tumbled off.

Two of the Scouts, after watching one after another fall off the iron rail, offered a bet to the rest of the troop. They two bet that they could both walk the entire length of the railroad track without falling off even once.

The other boys laughed and said, “No way!” Challenged to make good their boast, the two boys jumped up on opposite rails, reached out and held hands to balance each other, and steadily walked the entire section of track with no difficulty.

The boys found it to be easy to accomplish the feat by simply choosing to work together as a team. When people help each other, freely and voluntarily, there is a spirit of teamwork that can conquer a multitude of problems. When we don't cooperate, the whole system can fall apart. Reach out to your teammates and never quit holding hands.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
For brethren to dwell together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
That ran down upon the beard,  
Even Aaron's beard;  
That came down upon the skirt of his garments;  
Like the dew of Hermon,  
That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion:  
For there Jehovah commanded the blessing,  
Even life for evermore.  
~~ Psalm 133

With Love,  
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