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*This can be seen through both **secular** and **religious** history where both men and women singularly have impacted their community and world, either for good or evil.*

But it required the corporate help of others, without which it would not have been possible

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So I want to speak about some thing that is very real in my thinking life and my ministry approach in the stewardship that has been entrusted to me

YES, *it is true that God calls and entrusts a stewardship (mandate) to certain individuals*

YES, *there is an encounter of some sort with God **and WHO he is, WHAT is in his heart to DO, and his strategy / plan of HOW to accomplish it.***

Example: This is true in the In Moses encounter with God in the form of the burning bush –

- 1. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF**, - we encounter **WHO** he is
- 2. HE REVEALS HIS HEART**, - we encounter the **WHAT** he intends to do.
- 3. HE REVEALS HIS PLAN**, - we encounter his strategy of **HOW** it is going to be done.

Here we see INTENTION, PEOPLE, TIME, AND LOCATION.

"I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt, So I have come down to rescue them

Exodus 3:7-8

*7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my **people** in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.*

8 *So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey*
NIV

YES, it is also true that God through the Spirit **EQUIPS** them with all that is necessary for the carrying out of that mandate.

YES, it is true that such persons possess a diversity of qualities and abilities to do amazing things for God **BUT is NOT true** that one person can accomplish all that God has mandated for them **WITHOUT THE AID and ASSISTANCE of others.**

God often starts with a single person (a man or a women) but it is **THE TEAM that SURROUNDS and POSSESSES the same heart-felt passion, persuasion, and purpose, THAT ENABLES that single person to exercise such an amazing sphere of influence and effectiveness in this world.**

* **GOD IS A TEAM PERSON**

* **GOD IS EVER COMMITTED TO POSTERITY; TO THE ENSUING GENERATIONS, TO PERPETUITY – (the continuance of his will and purposes through ALL generations).**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THOSE TEAMS

I would like to be a voice for all those who have equally enabled that one person to accomplish amazing things for God and his kingdom

YES, one person **CAN** make a difference **IF** that person is wise enough to understand the **importance of multiplying themselves** through a **DEDICATED and DISCIPLINED TEAM**.

It is the **MULTIPLYING of oneself THROUGH** a team **THAT IS THE KEY** to one person making a **significant difference for God and his kingdom here on earth**.

This is **not** about **COPYING** style, mode, method or technique, **BUT** about the operation of that dimension of the Spirit **WHEREBY** there is the **TRANSFERENCE** or **TRANSMITTANCE** of something of **a person's entity**, (who they really are) to another person or persons.

The **TRANFERENCE** of **WHO** that person **IS**. *e.g.-* those things that make up the a person.

Their **HEART** towards God and people

Their **FAITH**

Their **QUALITY OF FAITH**

Their **DEVOTION** to Christ,

Their **PASSION** for a cause

Their **PERSISTENCE** of belief

Their **PERSUASION** of ultimate success,

Their **PERSEVERANCE (DOGGEDNESS)** in pursuit of a goal,

Their **PREDISPOSITION** towards displaying **KINDNESS, GRACIOUSNESS & MERCY**

Their **COMPASSION** – for others

Their **TENACITY** to continue under adverse conditions,

Their **PATIENCE** to endure,

Their **REFUSAL** to give in (surrender),

Their **ENDURING** commitment, faithful until the end,
Their **SINGLENESS** of eye (vision) not easily distracted
Their **INTEGRITY** and **TRANSPARENCY** about
themselves.

▶ **These ARE KIND of the things that make up THE PERSON**, as to WHO they really are.

▶ **THIS IS WHO WE ARE**

▶ **I am not measured by what I DO,
BUT by WHO I AM**

▶ **IT IS THESE KINDS OF THINGS THAT THE SPIRIT SEEKS TO TRANSFER, and IMPART TO OTHERS – I.E. A TEAM**

□ **IT IS TO THIS 'FUNCTION' OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHERE THE MULTIPLYING FACTOR (PROCESS) OPERATES IN THE LIFE OF GOD'S PEOPLE, THAT I WISH TO SPEAK OF & EMPHASIZE TODAY.**

It is this spiritual aspect or dimension that in some aspects is a mystery, but IT IS REAL and easily RECOGNISED. It DOES happen.

It is a REAL and VALID ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION of the Holy Spirit at work in people's lives, (even though it is mysterious in its working)

We may NOT KNOW all about the mystery but we CAN know the NATURE of the mystery

Example: CHRIST IN US is the mystery – and as to how

that is possible is part of the **mystery**.

HOWEVER we DO KNOW that **IS TRUE** that **CHRIST** indeed lives in us.

Colossians 1:27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles **the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory. NIV

Dictionary

TRANSFERENCE - is the action or process of transferring something or someone place, position etc to another

TRANSFERENCE- is the redirection of feelings or expectations from one person to another,

I am referring to:

IMPARTATION – NOT JUST INFORMATION OR EDUCATION

I am referring to that administration (the functional operation) of the Holy Spirit in the life of God's people.

TRANSFERENCE

Those elements that are very much a part of a person's life IS what the Holy Spirit seeks to impart to others.

So in this case I am *not just* referring to the **transference of giftings, anointing etc, (like took place between Elijah and Elisha) **but those parts that make up a persons life TO positively affect and influence another persons life.****

► I am referring to the **transference of those elements and qualities that make up a persons life.**

Example: “they recognized that they had been with Jesus”.

It was SOMETHING **OF** JESUS - THE MAN; THE PERSON that **had been imparted / transferred to the disciples through their association with him**

Acts 4:13 When the Council saw the boldness of Peter and John and could see that they were obviously uneducated non-professionals, [**common men ESV**] they were amazed and realized **what being with Jesus** had done for them! TLB [**“They recognized that they had been with Jesus”. ESV**]

Mark 8 : 34 (Kenneth Wuest translation)
And having called the crowds together with his disciples to himself, He said to them,
If anyone is desiring to come after me as a follower of mine, let him at once begin to lose sight of himself and his own interests, and let him at once begin to take up his cross and carry it, **and let him start taking the same road that I travel in company with me, and let him continue to do so moment by moment.**

IT WAS IN ASSOCIATION with; IN COMPANY with; (relationship) that some aspect of the person and life of Jesus (his likeness) was TRANSFERRED from him to his disciples.

*** THIS IS HOW JESUS MULTIPLIED HIMSELF.**

▶ This is how the disciples became **like Jesus** to the world after he was ascended.

*** It is through the ministration of the Holy Spirit that affects true multiplication of oneself in another.**

▶ **ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BUT it requires OTHERS through whom that person can**

ACCOMPLISH ALL the God-given mandate which has been entrusted to person.

- ▶ **It is foolish to think that without others, without a team that one person will be able to accomplish on his/her own, all of God's commission.**
- ▶ **IT WILL REQUIRE OTHERS WHO'S HEARTS ARE KNIT TOGETHER AS ONE**

Knit together as ONE MAN

Judges 20:11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, **knit together as one man.** KJV

Souls & Hearts Knit together as ONE MAN

1 Samuel 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, **that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David,** and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. KJV

1 Chronicles 12:17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, **mine heart shall be knit unto you:** but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. KJV

How did this knitting together of the hearts of Jonathan and David take place, [particularly in the light of Jonathan's friendship with David was in rebellion to his father King Saul who had committed to kill David].

It is obvious that some spiritual activity took place to produce this ONENESS of heart, mind and soul.

Knit together in love

*Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, **being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding**, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; KJV*

Knit together - increasing with the increase of God

*Colossians 2:19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, **and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.** KJV*

One in heart and mind

Acts 4:31-33

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

*32 All the believers **were one in heart and mind.** No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, **but they shared everything they had.***

*33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and **much grace was upon them all.** NIV*

- ▶ **The believers and the apostles hearts and minds were KNIT / JOINED TOGETHER – with each other.**
- ▶ **What a spiritual phenomena.**
- ▶ **What amazing convergence of powerful potential for God**

- **This is had to be the result of the Spirit's undertaking – the transference of those qualities that bind people together in a UNITY OF RELATIONSHIPS, OF PURPOSE and OF ACTION**

- **This is what transformed those believers to be as the apostles in heart and mind and will producing A MIGHTY ARMY (team) for God.**

As ONE man

*Philippians 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you **stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man** for the faith of the gospel NIV*

In ONE spirit & mind – Striving side by side

*Philippians 1:27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing **firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side** for the faith of the gospel, ESV*

Like minded, same love, ONE in spirit & purpose spirit & mind

*Philippians 2:1-2 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then **make my joy complete by being LIKE-MINDED, having THE SAME love, BEING ONE in spirit and purpose.** NIV*

How does such a phenomena take place in the hearts of so many people EXCEPT by the Holy Spirit

- * **This is a spiritual dimension that is MORE** than copying method, mode or technique.
- * **THIS IS THE IMPARTATION of attributes BY** the Spirit from one person to another.

THE TRANSFERENCE FACTOR IS ESSENTIAL

It is in this function of the Spirit's transferring of a person's heart, devotion, passion, commitment,

***singleness of vision (one eyed),
compelling persuasion, and persistence in pursuit
of the cause, from one person to another person
resulting in a positive force for God and his work.***

- LET US **ACTIVELY BELIEVE** IN THIS **FUNCTION OF THE SPIRIT** IN OUR MENTORING & TRAINING PROCESSES.
- LET US NOT **IGNORE** OR DEMINISH THE IMPORTANCE **OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRATION** IN THE LIVES OF MEN AND WOMEN
- *It is the Spirit's work in the ministration of transference from one to another that is true multiplication of oneself.*

Salt, Saltiness & discipleship

Mark 9:50 (NIV) "**Salt is good**, but **if it** loses its saltiness, **how** can you make it salty again? **Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.**"

Mark 9:50 (TLB) "Good salt is worthless if it loses its saltiness; it can't season anything. **So don't lose your flavor!** Live in peace with each other."

Mark 9:50 (KJV) **Salt is good**: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? **Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.**

- * ***There is a definite correlation between discipleship and salt.***
- * ***Between the quality of discipleship and the degree of saltiness of salt.***
- * ***That the measure of our commitment, devotedness and sincerity in following Christ (discipleship) is the degree of saltiness clearly shown in the words of Jesus***
- * ***The measure of our discipleship is the measure or***

degree of our saltiness.

- ▶ ***It is this saltiness of one person's life that determines – our quality of our discipleship.***
- ▶ ***it determines the saltiness of our discipleship***

□ It is this transference of the quality of one person's life to others that makes that person achieve much for the kingdom

□ It is this **quality** of discipleship, this **saltiness** of a persons life **that is transferable (through the spirit) to others** resulting in **a transformation in their lives.**

NOTE: But if the **salt of our discipleship** has lost its **saltiness** then we are **INEFFECTIVE**

THERE IS STILL MUCH FOR US – TODAY – TO DO

- *The show is not all over, THE FINAL CURTAIN HAS NOT YET BEEN LET DOWN.*
- *There is still work to be done.*
- *Not all has been accomplished*
- *Not everyone has completed that task that God has given them.*
- *We are not here to just hold the fort till Jesus comes*
- *We are commissioned to be on the offensive until the end comes.*
- *This is not the time to be governed by a maintenance mode mentality - but by a mission mode mentality.*
- *We are called to take the initiative and*
- *Not every place has been discovered or entered into*
- *There are still mountains to be climbed and valley's to be explored and things in the future, which we are*

destined to discover and expose.

- *There are still exciting and meaningful ministry expressions that have not yet been attempted or tried.*
- *There are yet many more inventive ministry things to be tried.*
- *The adventure part of serving God is NOT over yet – it is still very much an exciting and inspiring factor in serving Jesus Christ*
- *Battles and wars are not won in the trenches but only with offensive action*
- *We need to have a **RADIC** mentality in the people of God not a **CENTRIC** mentality*