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“WHO IS ON YOUR TEAM?” (I Chronicles 12:1-2)

“These were the men who came to David at Ziklag, while he was banished from the presence of Saul son of Kish (they were among the warriors who helped him in battle; they were armed with bows and were able to shoot arrows or to sling stones right-handed or left-handed; they were relatives of Saul from the tribe of Benjamin)”

On August 8, 2021 in Toyko, Japan the 2021/2021 Summer Olympic games came to a close. Just as the opening ceremony was filled with pomp and pageantry, the same can be said of the closing ceremony.

Although there were tons of obstacles, hurdles, and challenges to overcome due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Olympic Planning Committee is to be applauded, admired, and affirmed for their stellar **TEAMWORK**.

Therefore, as we wait for the 2024 Olympic games in Paris, France in the next three years, we learned from this year’s Toyko Olympic games that everyone needs a **TEAM** if great things are going to be accomplished. Today, I challenge you think about who is on our **TEAM** and whose **TEAM** you are on.

Working Together Works

- a) Booker T. Washington - "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."
- b) Mother Teresa - "None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."
- c) Patrick Lencioni - "Teamwork begins by building trust. And the only way to do that is to overcome our need for invulnerability."
- d) Helen Keller - "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
- e) Michael Jordan - "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."

- f) Napoleon Hill - "It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed."

What is the book of Chronicles?

- a) It is a register of events or record book of ancient times.
- b) It translated in Hebrew as “Chronikon” and means “annals”.

David was in a bad situation whereby he...

- a) **FEARED** for his life (I Samuel 19:1-2)
- b) **FOUGHT** for his life (I Samuel 19:4-1)
- c) **FLED** for his life (I Samuel 19:18)

What did David learn from his I Chronicles 12 experience?

- a) David **REALIZED** that he didn’t have to fight by himself.
- b) David was wise enough to not **RESIST** the help God had sent.
- c) David **RECOGNIZED** that he alone had limited capacity.

David had a TEAM of people who were:

1. **Initiators** (v.1) – The soldiers came to David in his time of need, and He **didn’t have to ask** them to.
2. **Brave** (v.1) - While David was banished from Saul, his team of allies were **willing to risk their lives** to help him.
3. **Strong** (v. 1) – Within the group of soldiers was a subgroup of warriors who were **more dependable** than the others.
4. **Helpful** (v. 1) – The team of warriors who helped David in battle were an **asset not a liability**.
5. **Resourceful** (v.2) – The team of warriors who helped David fight **came to the table** armed with bows and arrows.
6. **Skilled** (v. 2) – The team of warriors helping David were well **trained, multitalented, and uniquely gifted**.
7. **Godfearing** (v. 2) – David’s newly formed team were relatives of Saul but they **feared God over Saul/man**. They saw Saul as representing the past and David as representing the future.