



Stand By Me

“But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven...” Acts 2:14

A traveler drove his car into a ditch in a remote area. A local farmer came by and offered to help with his mule named "Gus." After hitching Gus to the car the farmer yelled, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" Gus stood still. He yelled,

"Pull, Jake, pull!" Nothing! "Pull, Buster, pull!" Gus didn't move. The farmer finally called, "Pull, Gus, pull!" And the old mule easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The traveler was thankful, but curious. He asked the farmer why he called his mule by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Ol' Gus is blind and weak. If he thought he was pullin' all by himself, he wouldn't even try. Wanted him to know he wasn't pullin' alone!" In His grace God created the church (Mt 16:18; Ekklesia = ek/out + kaleo/call) so that those of us who are a little weak, blind and stubborn do not have to pull each other out of the ditch alone. **When did God send an ol' mule to pull you out of the ditch (Ps 40:1-3)? Who did He send? Who have you pulled out of the ditch?**

Coach Carter With what about this video clip did you identify? Why?

God always works through a team! Even God Himself worked as a Team (Father, Son, Spirit) to create the universe (Gen 1:1, 26-27). Who were the members of the following ALL IN teams, what did they accomplish and who did they pull out of the ditch?

Acts 2:14; 37-47

Acts 3:1-10; 4:13; 31-36

Acts 6:1-8

Acts 9:1-27

Acts 13:1-5; 21-28

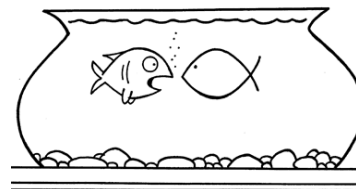
Acts 16:1-5; 13-15; 32-34

Acts 17:1-6; 14

Acts 18:1-3; 24-26

TAG TEAMS God has called every ALL IN man to be a vital part of a spiritual team of men whose mission is to help one another grow to love God more with all their heart, soul, mind and strength so that they can also love those whom He puts around them. (His Body the Church. I Cor 12:12-27; Eph 4:1-6; 11-16). Who's on your team? Is your team healthy? Growing? Unified? Focused? Selfless? Reaching others? What can you do to help it grow stronger? Which of the following 'one anothers' are you good at and doing weekly? In which must you grow? Describe what they might look for you like between Sundays.

1. ***“Be at peace with each other”*** Mark 9:50
2. ***“Love one another.”*** Jn 13:34, 35; 15:12, 17; Rom 13:8; 1Thes 4:9; 1 Jn 3:11, 23; 4:11, 12; 1Pt 1:22; 4:8; 1Thes 3:12
3. ***“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.”*** Romans 12:10
4. ***“Honor one another above yourselves”*** Romans 12:10
5. ***“Live in harmony with one another...”*** Romans 12:16
6. ***“Stop passing judgment on one another”*** Rom 14:13; James 4:11
7. ***“Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you.”*** Rom 15:17
8. ***“Instruct one another.”*** Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16
9. ***“Have equal concern for each other”*** 1Corinthians 12:25
10. ***“Serve one another in love”*** Galatians 5:13; 1 Pt 5:5
11. ***“Carry each other's burdens...”*** Galatians 6:2
12. ***“Be...patient, bearing with one another in love”*** Ephesians 4:2
13. ***“Be kind and compassionate to one another...”*** Ephesians 4:32
14. ***“Forgiving each other...”*** Ephesians 4:32; Col 3:16
15. ***“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ”*** Eph 5:21
16. ***“Humbly consider others better than yourselves”*** Phil 2:31; Pt 5:5
17. ***“Do not lie to each other...”*** Colossians 3:9
18. ***“Bear with each other...”*** Colossians 3:13
19. ***“Admonish one another”*** Colossians 3:16
20. ***“Encourage one another”*** 1 Thess 4:18; 5:11; Heb 3:13; 10:25
21. ***“Build each other up...”*** 1 Thessalonians 5:11
22. ***“Spur one another on toward love and good deeds”*** Heb 10:24
23. ***“Don't grumble against each other...”*** James 5:9
24. ***“Confess your sins to each other...”*** James 5:16
25. ***“Pray for each other”*** James 5:16
26. ***“Live in harmony with one another...”*** 1 Peter 3:8
27. ***“Offer hospitality to one another”*** 1 Peter 4:9



“Can we talk about something besides religion for a change?”