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Greetings! My name's Ron Nelson. I want to spend just a moment,

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just a little time to share with you my thoughts on the topic

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of Togetherness. Matter of fact, I've entitled this Better Together.

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I want to talk about relationships and partnerships.

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And such.

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You know, relationships can be the source of great joy.

e71eb34f-8ffb-4022-892b-d5a9dd27dfa8

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Not only that, they can also be the source of

9479a13a-45b0-4ac3-8c90-3b184357be95

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disappointment, frustration. Building relationships -sincere,

81ad7329-85a5-44c7-be41-351502cd1118

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honest, true relationships, solid relationships- you would admit,

74b69217-8c78-4689-a36b-d1c952e65def

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it's not easy.

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We should desire to have good relationships. I

8e50e18d-19ef-4de5-90e0-4b3bce7170b7

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mean, I truly believe in, as we work in this world and to advance

ded63501-8d97-493a-b3a1-04acbb1ab1f9

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God's Kingdom, His rule, His reign, it takes good

a0aebad0-33e6-4c18-b2b7-dc38e8b42785

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relationships.

6f1d5e5f-5d32-472b-b3ad-1bf855688941

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It takes an

d5027e9a-42b7-45ef-bf95-76a232a1a571

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intentionality on togetherness.

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Why is it Jesus praying to God in John Seventeen about unity. In ministry in life,

c436251b-7b04-4c34-996d-a3c3d0431fab

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as in life,

8aeae581-2697-4a87-8e03-8aac77f61f05

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we often find ourself working with a variety of people.

b56615d3-e755-42fe-b2d4-f3bbaaf9196a

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People from all backgrounds, all different walks of life. They come

8b24b63f-3b93-459d-9a28-d377af67da21

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with different attitude,

d8ba2a96-6221-4fdf-a009-e28ddbd73c15

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different thoughts. Their mentality are different. Definitely when

7d64cf02-1216-42ff-957e-81b24bab1329

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you're working with others, they may not look like you, they may not talk like you,

11c0020d-8a30-422e-90da-2f5f5bab8c0e

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they may not dress like you. They're different.

5045b8a5-1e2f-4849-8096-33a688e12ac8

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What the difference sometimes there's an overwhelming

2366e3a8-195e-4aad-a415-98e319ba155f

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amount -it produces an overwhelming amount- of

90eab457-6129-4865-a780-2efea64c6845

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tension and stress.

3f1b73b0-c450-4059-99ec-a279a808a5f6

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And, the two doing ministry, just simply doing life,

eb69bd75-4a32-4783-8b04-98ee49f0db9f

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even the most excellent

686ae17a-798d-4be6-bb75-37b8941235b6

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relationships

d7ca55ee-749c-4ac2-a9b2-ee249b005536

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are placed under severe stress.

f46f2ee8-cfce-4262-be2f-8a9c3e68f2a3

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Jesus said in John Chapter Thirteen verse Thirty-five, He said,

142b6a23-d2a8-4321-84f0-804b7a788d61

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"All people will know you are my disciples

445bd846-897b-4b56-8154-ea6b08536b47

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by the love you have for one another".

c431b3b4-00d9-44a7-86c1-2990691e01c7

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Now listen to me, let's be real. Loving people

d3bc3d82-ee7c-44c1-a5c2-c28839d34793

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day-in and day-out, there can be

9e9c088c-c4fd-4c5d-893d-0b95ad746ac4  
00:02:41.090 --> 00:02:45.750  
some challenges there. You can run into some walls.

961f66df-4f1a-4d78-9f33-f7ade8362c27  
00:02:45.750 --> 00:02:50.350  
Difficulty. Stress.

5e691993-5154-46fa-a3fe-f9ffd38e4a64  
00:02:50.350 --> 00:02:52.330  
Building relationships takes

283db470-41a1-4359-b12b-a397e1b3ac96  
00:02:53.800 --> 00:02:58.500  
a tremendous amount of time, patience, energy,

22760261-c33b-439c-a046-37f17c9512fe  
00:02:58.500 --> 00:02:59.000  
trust.

9759fbbc-5534-4a17-bfba-d25b10b793e5  
00:03:00.350 --> 00:03:02.330  
And, there must be,

c87db17c-f8a7-4665-a375-64d71ac87b5c  
00:03:02.330 --> 00:03:07.850  
you must be intentional about it. Ghandi said this-

3e955f72-c9b9-4445-b78e-c31c1840d4bc  
00:03:07.850 --> 00:03:14.190  
He was asked this question, "What will it take for India to become Christian?"

706241b8-30c4-42b2-922e-5082f1ae7d71  
00:03:14.190 --> 00:03:17.080  
He replied,

1afd3bc8-f6d0-4e9b-8c02-99ec463e6e50  
00:03:17.080 --> 00:03:22.670  
"All that is necessary for India to become Christian,

8d6a676e-4ac8-449f-9ec2-58c6ae18d5e3  
00:03:22.670 --> 00:03:26.380  
is for Christians to be christian." So

bf1c14e1-14f4-47f4-872c-823819c5e071  
00:03:26.380 --> 00:03:29.490  
here's the question, how can you and I

a1599ebb-d984-45bc-9cc7-0acd67226654

00:03:29.490 --> 00:03:33.810  
build relationships, partnerships

d1adbe75-cc6e-4a53-ab14-764e8e426b22  
00:03:33.810 --> 00:03:36.390  
with others that will become an effective witness

5cf15908-769b-47fb-a0bc-c7b5e7a1ace6  
00:03:37.490 --> 00:03:40.030  
for the Gospel?

0135d86a-2b4d-4898-8ee3-198ebd65a15d  
00:03:40.030 --> 00:03:41.560  
I submit to you -I'm convinced

6f313764-44dd-4a00-af53-207bf30c54dd  
00:03:42.630 --> 00:03:48.360  
that the things we do for God and His Kingdom must be done

a33d50ec-15fd-4fb8-9589-e33cfba6be8d  
00:03:48.360 --> 00:03:52.590  
in the context of togetherness.

f2222dfe-e4b0-412b-b446-06b752ce772d  
00:03:52.590 --> 00:03:54.360  
You see, God

f00046e2-800e-4c67-9c79-8ef9952a0d58  
00:03:54.360 --> 00:03:55.870  
in His infamous wisdom

804fc4e6-0a8a-4641-adb4-6ca3d93214f2  
00:03:55.870 --> 00:04:02.530  
placed Adam and Eve in the garden together.

52034145-2f5b-4a45-aa45-a71923c8ed9d  
00:04:02.530 --> 00:04:07.690  
You know, my wife and I, we've been married now thirty-seven years.  
We've been doing ministry

7f47011b-f269-42a4-963c-6ea066b51b92  
00:04:07.690 --> 00:04:12.150  
for the past twelve, thirteen years. that togetherness that we have

83f1b791-f5fc-4955-935c-7c1727e0dab2  
00:04:12.150 --> 00:04:16.380  
in ministry working together has taken our marriage to

335848b0-2f9b-46e6-b129-b106951a5eab  
00:04:16.380 --> 00:04:21.160

a whole another different level. I think that's one of the benefits

73ff4ce5-51bc-4180-b82b-70efbdbabb18

00:04:21.160 --> 00:04:26.520

of working together especially in marriage.

4e80399d-8c95-444e-8fcb-7faf5089d33c

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And, then we re-new our partnership with others, with other organizations is that

ccfe2334-84fa-45a6-9058-9469b346a7ef

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togetherness,

7c1b2e66-c9bc-4c56-b96e-9df5216cf07e

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when you compliment each other in terms of weaknesses. You see, look here:

9ec314bf-f652-4dcc-842f-cc764340d473

00:04:38.390 --> 00:04:39.670

I have

7033a882-6d8f-412e-a006-bbbf13dfd331

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my hand on the video.

8c2f3476-8109-4ece-8a7d-1bf37b8fd1fe

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And you see there are one, two, three, four fingers

ccb1c406-9a80-499a-9bf6-0f499a3be6fc

00:04:47.160 --> 00:04:48.890

and a thumb. Spread apart.

06b301cf-3e65-45a5-9afb-ef418b9c8e2d

00:04:48.890 --> 00:04:53.730

Well, that's my right hand. But when I bring them together,

f2fa7920-fcbb-4404-adfd-a809cf2e80f5

00:04:55.190 --> 00:04:56.290

to make a fist,

db134b17-53f3-4fc1-b7cd-ba2a4fda7534

00:04:57.340 --> 00:04:58.820

you see there is power in here.

47141871-8a3f-4a15-aaf6-83aa8fbc38ff

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Now I'm not advocating violence by holding up my fist but, you see my point,

138a64bf-954a-47a1-b74f-66a2161051f7  
00:05:05.270 --> 00:05:11.120  
they're coming together.

77237d4d-4082-4968-a2df-1c86eccc7401  
00:05:11.120 --> 00:05:14.740  
God birthed in myself a ministry.

a82a90a4-ca14-4b97-a7fd-06e97dc0631e  
00:05:14.740 --> 00:05:17.360  
My wife and I've been working, like I said,

b806a8f9-0093-428e-8dcb-9ee3021693cb  
00:05:17.360 --> 00:05:23.050  
for well over thirteen some-odd years in ministry together.

e86530e5-6d61-435c-b0e7-8fef7d7d21e00  
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We are a team. And as her strength are

f263f0f6-78b0-42ed-97be-712a86a23a63  
00:05:28.030 --> 00:05:34.430  
my weaknesses. My weaknesses are her strength bringing everything together,

c67fd370-c68f-4e8f-9f8f-3d0b500f41f3  
00:05:36.370 --> 00:05:36.870  
we're stronger.

3aedb16f-0f09-4ee1-8a8b-cfdddb5ecb7d  
00:05:38.110 --> 00:05:38.610  
We're stronger.

90c065db-1ed9-49bc-a960-f838d43f4467  
00:05:40.460 --> 00:05:44.630  
I believe much can be accomplished better

b3177d0d-2945-415d-bafc-f5dccc73b8  
00:05:44.630 --> 00:05:46.560  
when they're better together.

0721ad5a-87fe-4ec6-9d6f-13cb15c24217  
00:05:47.870 --> 00:05:49.980  
Successes in ministry and in life is

94820e5b-7ff1-428e-9c4a-c65a2dde4986  
00:05:49.980 --> 00:05:54.910

found in a authentic relationship, partnership.

9a16310a-c9e8-4897-ac17-41a64452efbf  
00:05:54.910 --> 00:05:56.390  
Friendship.

530f7510-c2d6-4b13-9afc-64192886b1f8  
00:05:56.390 --> 00:05:58.760  
Fellowship.

3fe79e87-ffe2-4237-b547-06148babe299  
00:05:58.760 --> 00:06:01.600  
The old African proverb,

d0854d7c-b69d-4791-94b4-a8a0f3045f32  
00:06:01.600 --> 00:06:04.560  
I hope I get this right says,

bb92c847-381a-4644-ba51-34b47c1f5d4d  
00:06:04.560 --> 00:06:11.770  
"If you want to go far..."

ff365097-7f5d-4628-b185-1818261eadb3  
00:06:11.770 --> 00:06:15.300  
excuse me, "If you want to go fast,

89595bff-a3c4-4956-a632-92f37a7d296c  
00:06:16.520 --> 00:06:22.980  
go alone. But, if you want to go far, go together".

7e439b71-ba3f-485c-bbb6-492a987ff593  
00:06:22.980 --> 00:06:28.210  
I like the Missio Nexus tagline. I'll read it to make sure I get it right.

da348ca4-d45b-4090-8fa5-51898a79cd4e  
00:06:28.210 --> 00:06:33.140  
It says here, "The Great Commission is too big for anyone

784bcf8e-9874-49e6-96d0-64d5dd8bd56f  
00:06:33.140 --> 00:06:41.560  
to accomplish alone and too important not to try together."

b45e489b-01d8-48de-b1bc-3293bc312e70  
00:06:41.560 --> 00:06:44.960  
My wife and I have been fortunate to train hundreds

f20c916b-955e-4c1a-8d45-3276334dc3e3  
00:06:44.960 --> 00:06:50.540  
of Short-Term Mission Teams and there's one thing that we really

stress, is

81f85478-72e0-4215-86b5-3cac2aef66da  
00:06:50.540 --> 00:06:53.980  
togetherness on the mission field.

a253aae2-ea06-4c04-a680-0e11da17212d  
00:06:55.010 --> 00:07:00.680  
We really practice it, rehearse it,

9584f033-6c1f-4918-8d70-0939b7f7c049  
00:07:00.680 --> 00:07:06.450  
prepare the team, practically on the field. We really stressed this  
principle

657b3800-079c-42f0-8cab-aa6aa16a36ae  
00:07:06.450 --> 00:07:14.690  
of togetherness. As a matter of fact, I think that the word TEAMWORK

6b33b85f-3323-4a8a-ae6-3bea0fcecfea  
00:07:14.690 --> 00:07:16.620  
an acronym of it and I'll break that thing down like this -

de76e79f-f0d1-4c91-9b69-2251f3b9bb08  
00:07:18.490 --> 00:07:20.840  
T - Togetherness or Together.

1569b9d8-5e1a-4aec-b85d-ce83893472a5  
00:07:21.950 --> 00:07:24.930  
Working together

71796d0f-95ec-4e00-bc15-5995a0696e33  
00:07:24.930 --> 00:07:30.790  
rather than as an individual. You can make things happen more easily

ea403af2-dace-4996-95b8-09921c3e8424  
00:07:30.790 --> 00:07:34.380  
and effectively. Then there's the E- Empathy.

33b50a78-0b1b-4ae3-90f6-793eab954b88  
00:07:35.770 --> 00:07:37.780  
For fellow teammates, partners,

4d8f9118-753d-4a3f-871b-9f49708e20c1  
00:07:39.010 --> 00:07:46.390  
concern about their welfare. So have empathy for those you work with.

49ec2d9d-a9c1-4a23-a81e-926b123474eb  
00:07:46.390 --> 00:07:50.580  
Be concerned about others. People don't care how much you know.

8213dc1a-ce73-4a82-8405-d00a7155feaf  
00:07:50.580 --> 00:07:52.690  
They only want to know how much you care.

2323d5bd-0749-4c69-a187-03df4adb1761  
00:07:53.780 --> 00:07:54.760  
And, then there's the A-

ccfbc2e1-a4f6-4fc9-994c-7699cd83804f  
00:07:56.020 --> 00:07:59.670  
Assess the ability and desire to help others

f74e565a-9a03-4e81-9cea-96d313dddd38  
00:07:59.670 --> 00:08:03.610  
when they need assistance.

7c7dbb1b-02e5-4a68-81f8-1209071c2be0  
00:08:03.610 --> 00:08:04.970  
And then the M - Maturity.

9fcbc03e-4f68-42d6-a770-a30f9dd1ea57  
00:08:06.220 --> 00:08:07.240  
Be mature

db3e2175-b5d3-4857-98ef-5a495fb1d784  
00:08:08.250 --> 00:08:10.710  
in handling problems and challenges in

859cda9e-045b-4f46-821a-fbfe8660a530  
00:08:10.710 --> 00:08:15.940  
a positive, constructive manner.

26881529-288b-447e-be0e-f3472e03b1bb  
00:08:15.940 --> 00:08:20.960  
You do that in partnerships, you do that in friendships.

9658f5da-8df3-4816-bfe4-af3b1ceabd84  
00:08:20.960 --> 00:08:23.420  
You perform and behave with

c8d1fed6-05ec-4f28-aced-43e89129ab01  
00:08:23.420 --> 00:08:23.920  
maturity.

7ae72840-e8cc-40ab-8ce2-39fef4069fdf  
00:08:25.260 --> 00:08:28.110  
And then W - Willingness.

a013e111-65df-4a69-a671-c55d6e4dd4eb

00:08:28.110 --> 00:08:32.950  
To work with others and each other

266be92c-d026-4d56-b3b0-b30eca66d10c  
00:08:32.950 --> 00:08:37.800  
throughout the mission, throughout the assignment, in a friendly,  
cooperative nature

037bd017-72f4-4c40-a865-8d20f6852560  
00:08:37.800 --> 00:08:39.340  
throughout the partnership,

9dc36532-3108-43f1-b81f-9a1a6c7f95a4  
00:08:40.530 --> 00:08:42.120  
your friends,

472604dd-1429-4fe5-98fb-43983b1a3641  
00:08:42.120 --> 00:08:45.220  
you have a willingness to work together. And

11f31155-dce4-4234-9284-a7d3ff394f2d  
00:08:45.220 --> 00:08:51.050  
then there's the O - Organization. Organization, be skillfully  
organized

bb075fd6-01a5-4ae1-b18b-e4e390ab4600  
00:08:51.050 --> 00:08:54.480  
to reduce crisis situations with the

de6150f6-b32f-4a37-9812-7fcbecf5b20f  
00:08:54.480 --> 00:08:58.350  
help of other partners, other teammates,

a585dd43-3ad6-459f-888e-538125959b29  
00:08:59.460 --> 00:09:00.520  
other individuals.

0b9e4768-be32-4b13-a605-5899638154b3  
00:09:01.880 --> 00:09:06.010  
Work together. Organize. The Word of

bebe779f-89bd-4436-9ed7-5900346b77e7  
00:09:06.010 --> 00:09:09.100  
God says do everything decently and in order.

ff7e4931-b5d3-4ade-a754-9717fb2d3a90  
00:09:10.990 --> 00:09:14.450  
And then the R - Respect.

3dcbec32-ca2e-452a-a45e-f43df31534ca

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For individuals you work with

5f555d1f-670a-4d42-ae3f-ad5966034c32  
00:09:17.040 --> 00:09:18.270  
on a daily basis.

1981ee0d-5065-44a1-84c2-3ae877b7efd3  
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Okay I work with my wife on a daily basis, 24/7. I respect her.

31179bad-399a-40f4-83bc-ff1f0e8b3073  
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And, then there's kindness - K.

7da3d356-f631-4722-a3ee-5d89dda1c94c  
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For all people you come in contact with.

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So, there it is - TEAMWORK.

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Again, the idea is to do things

8c7f2b1a-8120-43bb-9a4c-e6f7d8485480  
00:09:42.000 --> 00:09:42.500  
together.

4841dba2-5367-4c96-b962-8334e1837c80  
00:09:43.720 --> 00:09:45.830  
Trust me, success

53717c73-dcd1-4199-ac58-bc068203e5ff  
00:09:45.830 --> 00:09:50.890  
lies in doing it together. Better together.