



**In Partnership  
with God**

# What is Partnership?

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"A division or sharing  
among partners, ~~joint~~  
possession or interest."

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"A contract between two or more persons who agree to pool talent and ~~money and share profits or losses.~~"

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## 1 Corinthians 1:8 & 9

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8. "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

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# Partners

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- Are diverse in nature
- Learn to join their uniqueness in a harmonious whole
- Have an intimate relationship with their Partner (Jesus)
- Are partners with each other on earth (Friendship)





"Partners  
**TOGETHER**  
with God."

# Partnership Involves

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Intimacy  
Touching  
Talking  
Listening  
Sharing



## Joan of Arc

"Every man gives his life for what he believes. Every woman gives her life for what she believes. Sometimes people believe in little or nothing yet they give their lives to that little or nothing. One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. And then it is gone. But to sacrifice what you are and live without belief, that's more terrible than dying."

Barrington Brennen

"To sacrifice what you are  
and live without a  
partnership relationship  
with God is worse than  
dying."

# Matthew 9:35-38

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35. Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people

36. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

# John 13:34-35

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34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another

35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.



# PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

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- What does partnership **look** like?
- What does partnership **feel** like?
- What does partnership **sound** like?



If we are partners,  
people must **See** ,  
**Hear**, and **Feel** it.

If they cannot, we  
are dead to Christ.



# Partnership Fellowship

# 1 John 1:7

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## **Matthew 9:37 & 38**

37. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."



It's amazing what a  
**PARTNERSHIP** can do.



1 John 4:19

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“We love  
Him,  
because he  
first loved  
us.”





# When There is Partnership:

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- We experience genuine friendship, faith, and fun.
- We enjoy authentic relationships and true community.
- We strive towards an environment of unconditional love and acceptance.
- We freely share the love of Christ in the community.



The most **comforting**  
people in the world are  
those who have been  
comforted . . . .

The most  
**understanding**  
people are those  
who have been  
understood . . . .



The most loving  
people are those  
who have been  
loved.



# Your Tasks as Leaders Are to Be:

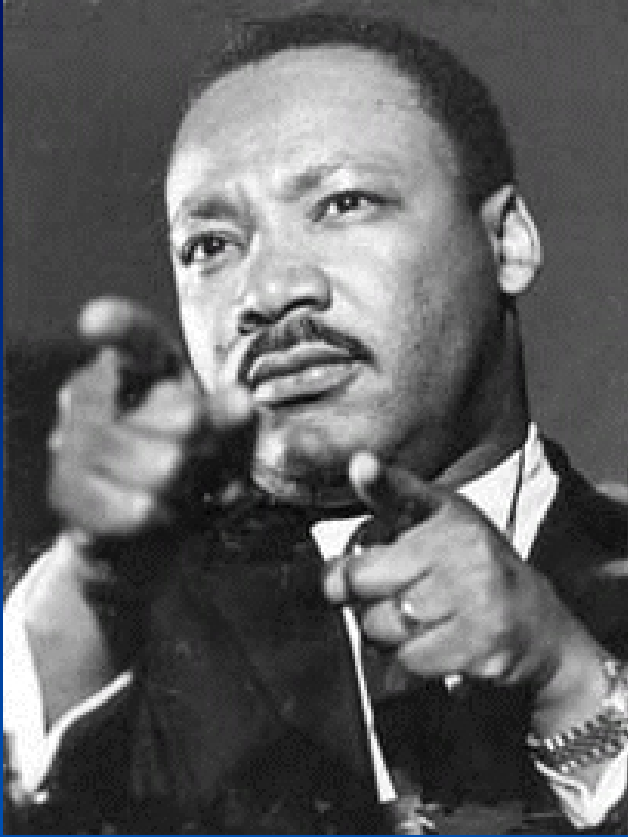
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- Comforting
- Understanding
- Loving

**These are the qualities of a true leader.**







Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968

"You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree... [or] know Plato and Aristotle... [or] Einstein's theory of relativity... [or] the second theory of thermodynamics... **All you need is a heart full of grace.**"





Hon. Tommy Turnquest

"People are not only interested in more policies, beautiful buildings, or new roads. What they want are leaders with a heart."



*A Heart Full of*

*Grace*

# Love Through Me

Love through me,  
Love through me,  
Oh, Lord  
Love through me

Somewhere, somebody  
Needs your love today;  
Oh Lord, Love through me.

Speak through me  
Speak through me  
Oh Lord, speak through me.

Make your Word  
Upon my lips a flame today;  
O Lord speak through me.

Weep through me  
Weep through me,  
O Lord weep through me

As long a just one soul is gone astray.  
O Lord, weep through me.

Somewhere somebody  
Needs your love today.  
O Lord love through me.  
O Lord love through me.

# Litany of Consecration

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**Pastor**

To be effective leaders on earth and partners with the One who gives us wisdom, strength, courage, and spiritual fortitude.

**All**

We consecrate our lives O Lord to thee.

**Pastor**

To the loving development and care of tender minds and hearts.

**Children's Ministries Directors**

We consecrate our lives to you O Lord.

**Pastor**

For the education and training of young women and mothers; single, widowed or divorced.

**Women's Ministries Directors**

We humbly seek your wisdom O lord.



**Pastor**

For the healing of wounded hearts and minds.

**All**

We seek your healing power and grace, dear  
God.

## **Pastor**

So that we might be effective leaders in our churches and community, teaching women and children how to live productive lives here on earth, and to prepare them for the new heaven and new earth.

## **All**

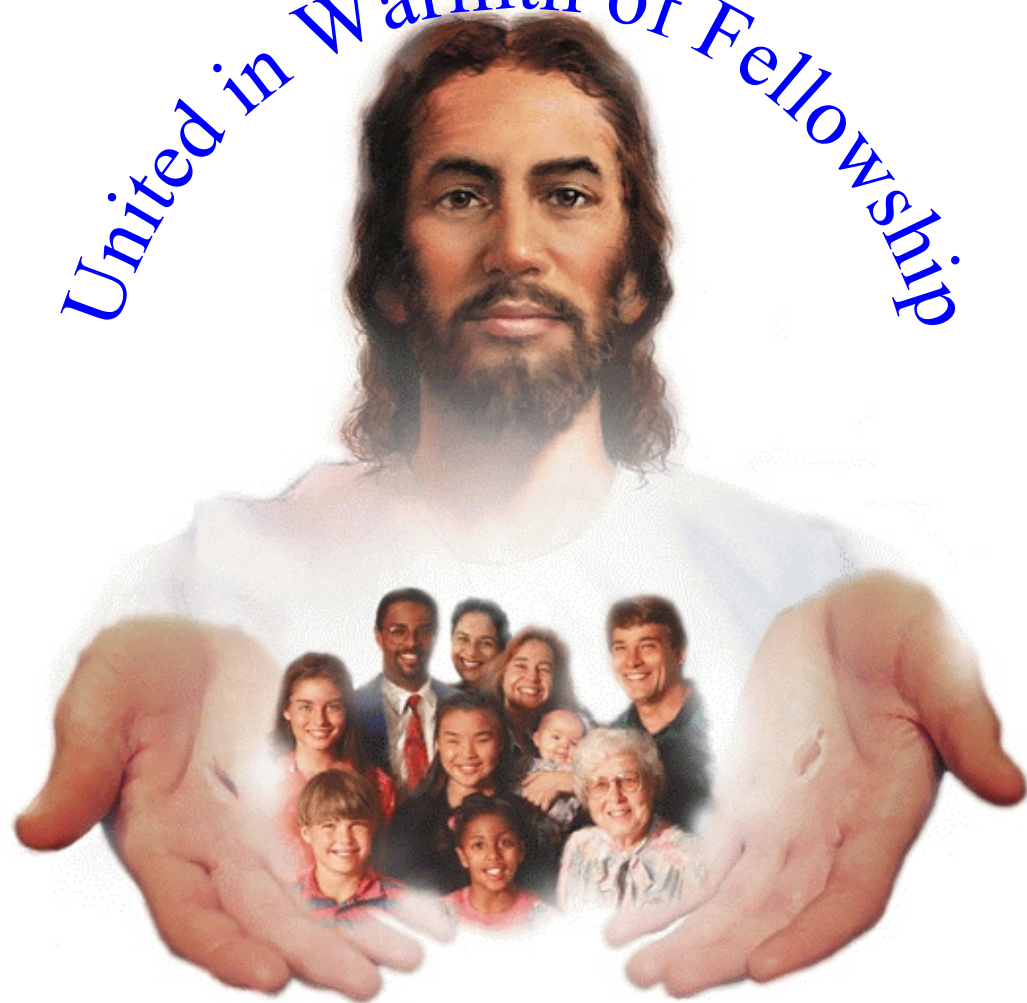
We seek your presence in our lives so that our hearts, voices, and hands, may work in harmony with You, our gracious Father. May we reflect your wisdom, grace, love, and mercy.

Help us to comfort those who in need of  
comforting, Understanding those who need  
understanding, and Love those who need  
loving. Give us O God, a Heart Full of Grace.  
Amen.



*A Heart Full of*  
**Grace**

*United in Warmth of Fellowship*



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