

Power in Unity

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” During World War II, a group of American pilots known as the Flying Tigers downed nearly 300 enemy aircraft between December 1941, and July 1942. Their commander, Claire Lee Chennault, said the secret of their success was cooperation. They always attacked two at a time.

Roman soldiers also knew there was power in unity. When a barrage of flaming arrows came their way, they would hunker down and link their shields overhead and on all sides, effectively forming a

box. After the arrows hit, they would stand up and resume marching.

Christians who go through temptation, hardship, despair, or doubt sometimes will isolate themselves.

They think, “I don’t want to share this with anyone. They would think I’m not a strong Christian. I don’t want to tell anyone I’m being tempted by this.”

Instead, they should go to their Christian friends and say, “Will you pray for me? I’m under attack right now.

As Christians, we should be working together and praying together. Jesus said, “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven” (Matthew 18:19). In context they were dealing with a conflict, but the principle can be applied in all areas of life. There is power in united prayer.

When James was put to death and Peter was arrested, what did the early church do? We read that “Constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church” (Acts 12:5). They prayed constantly.

They prayed together. We need to do the same. That is putting our shields together. You are not alone in this battle. You have Christian brothers and sisters who are marching with you. We are all in this battle together. Pull together with your fellow soldiers and lock shields as you march forward in the spiritual battle to which God has called us.

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