

**Title:** *...but it's a team effort*  
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**Message**

***It's a team effort***

***Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)***

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. <sup>2</sup> We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

***A: a winning team***

***1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (NLT)***

<sup>57</sup> But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

***B: a focused team***

***Philippians 1:27 (NLT)***

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.

***C: a dynamic team***

***Romans 12:4-6a (NLT)***

<sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. <sup>6</sup> In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

***1 Corinthians 12:11-14 (NLT)***

<sup>11</sup> It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. <sup>12</sup> The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

***D: a growing team***

***Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)***

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.