

LESSONS FROM GEESE

“But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee.” Job 12:7

FACT 1

As each goose flaps its wings it creates an “uplift” for the birds that follow. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% more range than if each bird flew alone.

LESSON

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the trust of one another.

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin” 1 John 1:7

“That ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” Philippians 1:27

FACT 2

When a goose falls out formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

LESSON

If we have as much sense as a goose, we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”

Philippians 2:4

“We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” 1 John 3:16

FACT 3

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back in to the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

LESSONS

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese; people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangement of gifts, talents or resources.

“Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

“For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want...” 2 Corinthians 8:13-14

FACT 4

The geese flying in formation honk the encourage those up front to keep up with their speed.

LESSON

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, productivity is much greater. Individual empowerment results from quality honking.

“And the God of all comfort; Who comforeth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

FACT 5

When a goose gets sick, wounded or short down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

LESSON

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to lift him up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

“See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.” 1 Peter 1:22

“...Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night; Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the flowls of heaven?

Job 35:10-11

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