

Watchman Runner's Training

Lesson 2: The Engine: Infrastructure: Community, Commitment, Communication in prayer/structural inter-relational foundations

"Remnant Rising: A Watchman Call to the Nations" by Susan Rowe, Chapter 5

Community:

Key Verses:

Hebrews 10:24-25

I Corinthians 13: 1-13

John 13:34-35

Galatians 5:22-24

Acts 2:42-47

"In fact, when trouble arises in ministries, it is not because the people involved are not sincere believers, but frequently it is because there is not an understanding built upon relationship." p44.

"In spiritual warfare, the enemy is less likely to entice people into misunderstanding, strife, and accusation when relationships are formed and encouraged." p45.

In Herrnhut, the community met together almost every night. They gathered for worship, prayer, to share testimony, and for teaching. And frequently, they ate meals together. In many ways, it was similar to Acts 2:42-47.

Commitment:

Key Verses:

James 4:8

Deuteronomy 4:29

Psalm 37:5

In Herrnhut, each person signed an agreement to uphold certain principles of how they would operate together as a community. They committed to the Lord, but also to each other. It was only 3 months later that the Holy Spirit fell in a profound way.

Communication:

Key Verses:

Habakkuk 2:1

Ezekiel 3:17

Nehemiah 4:19-20

Psalms 133

In Herrnhut, because they met together so frequently, and because they met in the context of prayer and worship, they had great opportunity for much communication. In the presence of the Lord, they were speaking God's heart for each other, which meant that they were living out Hebrews 10:24.

Communication is vital, first between you and the Lord

Second, to share with others what you are hearing from the Lord

Third, to learn about each other, so that you can:

- Understand each other's strengths
- Support each other in areas of weakness
- Pray for each other's needs
- Encourage each other to walk out their callings to the fullest extent

With good communication, understanding develops. When understanding develops, so does trust. When we trust each other, it is far easier to come into agreement.

With agreement comes unity, which is where God commands His blessing (Psalms 133)

For discussion:

How do we walk out Community, Commitment, and Communication in real time today, where most of us are geographically separated from one another?