It’s a Team Effort

One of my greatest joys as a husband and father is to work together as a family. There is something about gathering together for a common purpose with your loved ones that just fills my heart with joy. I especially get a kick out of my 6-year old son, Maksim. If I’m pulling weeds, he’s usually digging a random hole in the dirt next to me. If I’m watering plants, he’s spraying himself in the face with the hose. If I’m clearing rocks, he’s throwing rocks. One time, Maksim was helping me wash an old Chevy truck I used to own and he happened to stumble backwards and fell into a bucket filled with cold water. He was so little at the time that he was actually fully immersed up to his chin, and his little body was such a perfect fit for the bucket that he got stuck and it took me several attempts to pop him back out! That’s my “little man”—I love having him there working by my side!

Second Corinthians 6:1 tells us, “We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you…” The Greek word for “workers together” is sunergeo which means to “partner in labor” or “to put forth power together.” It’s amazing to me that Jesus Christ has chosen to work through His people—ordinary, common men and women—to reach those who don’t know Him with the gospel and to minister to His church. And when the people of God partner in labor, we put forth power together! But notice verse 1 says that we are workers together with Him. There is no power or true partnership between any of us apart from Jesus Christ. He is our power and He is the bond, the glue that holds us together as we work to reach the world for Him.

Today, let’s joyfully put forth our best team effort, fueled by the power of the Holy Spirit, compelled by our love for Jesus Christ, and eager to impact those around us for His kingdom. However, in all things let’s never forget it’s because of the grace of God that He chooses to use us to get His work done. May we never forget that our labor is all for Him, it’s not about us, and we desperately need Him as our most important partner to do it successfully! It’s a team effort, guys—let’s get to work!

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