



Advancing Together —
Gaining energy through synergy

Momentum, Part 3

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Synergistic Friendships

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Zechariah 4:6

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It's not so easy or natural to focus on His Spirit.

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In scripture, "Wind" and "Whirlwind" were always symbolic of the power of the Spirit of God (*ruach, pneuma*).

God's Spirit empowers those who are not distracted by symbols of human achievement that aim to glorify the human agent rather than the divine enabler.

We will always be stronger when we are not alone!

Maybe what Jesus wanted done all along called for teamwork.

Maybe Jesus set up His church to work on "synergy".

Advancing Together means opening yourself up to intentionally build friendships with another person with Jesus at its core.

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Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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