



## ❖ MESSAGE NOTES

### **IT TAKES A VILLAGE ~ Week 1** **Heart & Soul People**

**It takes a village to raise a child.**

**~ ALEX HALEY ~**

**Anytime you see a turtle up on top of a fence post,  
you know he had some help.**

*For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them.  
~ Matthew 18:20*

*The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you  
nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” ~ Deuteronomy 31:8*

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you,  
so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you  
are my disciples, if you love one another. ~ John 13:34-35*

**Christianity is not a lone ranger activity. It's a team sport!**

*The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.  
I will make a helper suitable for him.” ~ Genesis 2:18*

*How can one man chase a thousand of them, and two pursue ten thousand,  
unless their Rock had delivered them up —and the Lord had handed them over?  
For our enemies’ rock is not like our Rock, as even our enemies concede.  
~ Deuteronomy 32:30-31*

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If  
either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls  
and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep  
warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered,  
two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.  
~ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

*Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”  
~ 1 Corinthians 15:33*

**You'll never do all God wants you to do  
without the right people around you.**

**If you show me the five most dominant voices in your life,  
I can show you the trajectory of your life.**

**Show me who you run with and I'll show you who you are.**

*One day Jonathan, the son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side...~ 1 Samuel 14:1a*

**~ SOME KEY THOUGHTS ABOUT "THE RIGHT PEOPLE" ~**

**1) The right people help us navigate obstacles and temptations.**

*On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez, and the other Seneh. ~ 1 Samuel 14:4*

**~ BOZEZ - HEBREW ~**

**Slippery**

**~ SENEH - HEBREW ~**

**Thorny**

**2) The right people help us to overcome a wavering faith.**

*Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few." ~ 1 Samuel 14:6*

*...If God is for us, who can be against us? ~ Romans 8:31b*

*"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." ~ 1 Samuel 14:7*

**3) The right people are with you heart and soul.**

*All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ~ Acts 2:44-45*

*Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. ~ Acts 2:46-47*



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