

“When the head goose gets tired it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs...with people or with geese flying south.”

“But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be.” I Cor.12:18

“Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. What do we say when we honk from behind?”

Finally...and this is important...when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshots, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies, and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.”

“On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.”

I Cor.12:22

Dennis was just reading an email to me about a Christian brother who had gotten so offended over some unintended offense that he wouldn't even respond to attempts to straighten things out. That's *not* how the body is supposed to function and yet so often we decide, we *choose*, to take offense, to be unforgiving, to go our own way, and to damage the body by our attitudes and actions. Scripture is very clear that *“God has arranged the parts in the body.....just as He wanted them to be.”* When we go in the opposite direction as the rest of the body, we are, in effect, climbing right back on the thrones of our lives and pushing God off. I've often found that the times I have told myself I am justified in my attitude or that I don't have a problem so many others have, that is *exactly* the time I need to take the closest look at myself; a hard self-evaluation.

Just like the goose that falls out of the formation and is joined by two others, we can't do this thing called “life” by ourselves but that is exactly what we are trying to do when we allow ourselves to “launch out on our own”.

“If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.”

I couldn't have said it better myself.

*All for One,
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