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Better Together

Like three strands of rope; left separated, they are easily broken. But, if the strands are woven together, each strand helps strengthen the others.

I remember when I was working years ago. There were three of us working together. We all had our own skills. If one of us called off, it would make work much harder for the other two. On top of the extra work, it would start to create chaos due to the lack of support from the third person.

This act of teamwork is universal. It doesn't matter if it's a band, a construction crew, or a restaurant crew. Teamwork is essential everywhere.

In a band, you need your singer, strings, and percussion. In a construction crew, you need your masons, electricians, plumbers, drywallers, etc. And in a restaurant crew, you need your cook/chef, waitstaff, and dishwasher. If one of them is missing, then the teams cannot operate properly, and possibly even crumble.

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Thank You FOR READING!

Below are some questions to reflect on from this piece. Feel free to also use one as a conversation starter with a fellow reader, or even a loved one on the outside!

Can you think of some unusual or unexpected examples of teamwork, or maybe of some other sorts of teams (besides the expected sports teams, for instance) that you've been a part of?

How about some other comparisons, like Robert's comparison to a rope, that help to illustrate how an effective team works?

We'd love to hear what you thought of the piece, or if you've had any meaningful conversations as a result. Or perhaps you'd like to share an expression of your own (visual art or creative writing). You are always welcome to write to us at Shining Light at P.O. Box 267, Annville, PA 17003.

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