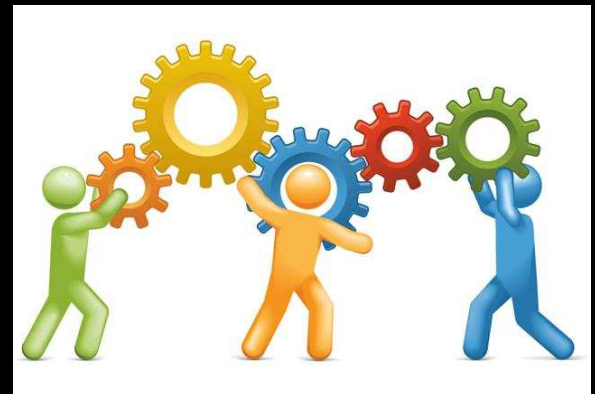


# community of the saints: partnership

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## **acts 2:41-42**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

# fellowship

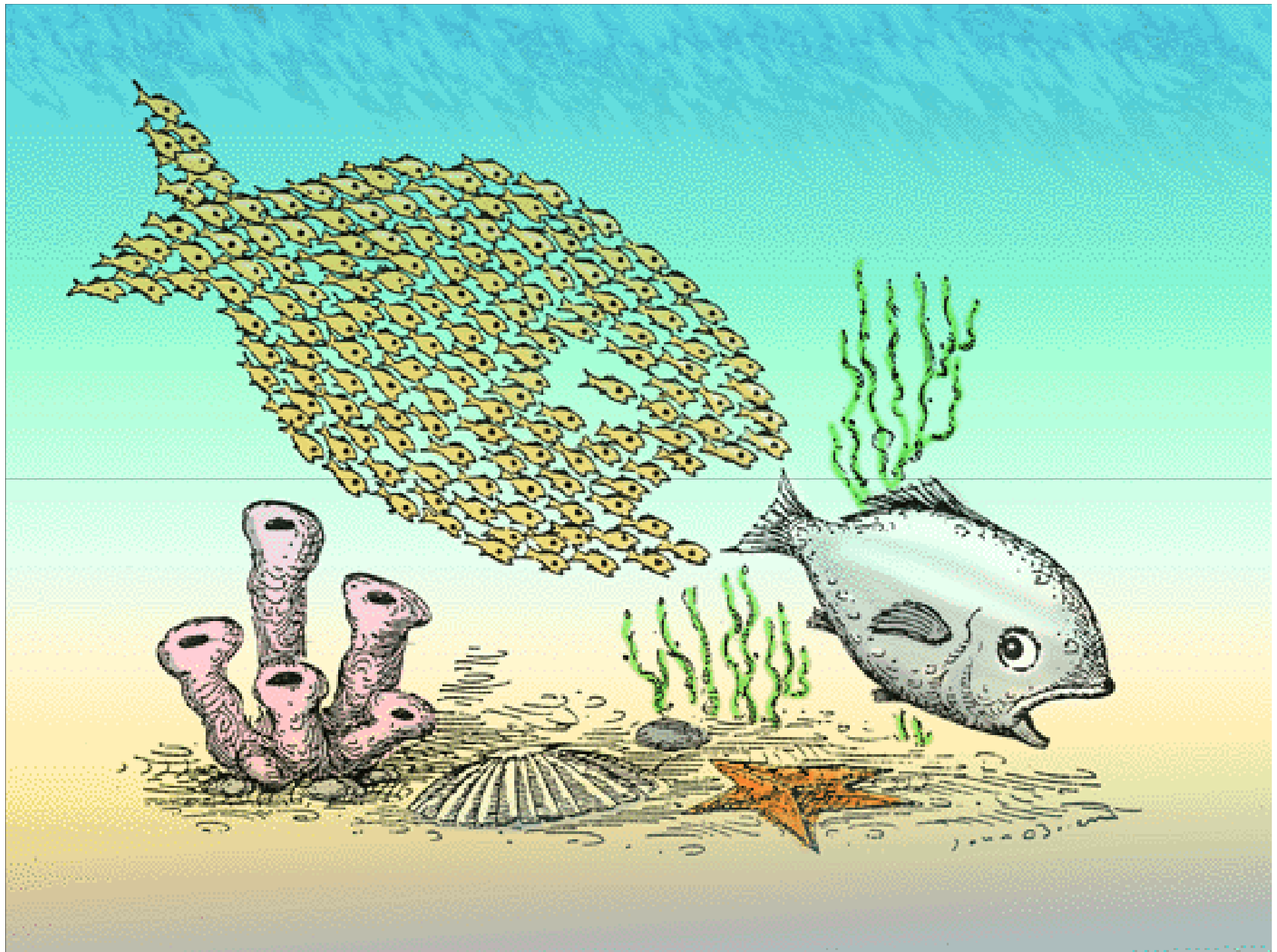
## concepts in the new testament



- relationship
- companionship
- partnership
- stewardship

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Project Manager

Internal Supervisor

PR Manager

Product Development Manager

pastor

**“fellow-ship” = partnership**



**Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.**

# partnership in gospel intentional partnering



## philippians 1:3-5

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.



**partnership in prayer**  
**unity with God for one another**



**philippians 1:4, 19**

... always in every prayer of mine for you all  
making my prayer with joy...

... I know that through your prayers and the  
help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn  
out for my deliverance.

**participation in spirit**  
**unity for power**



**philippians 1:27-28, 2:1-2**

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents...

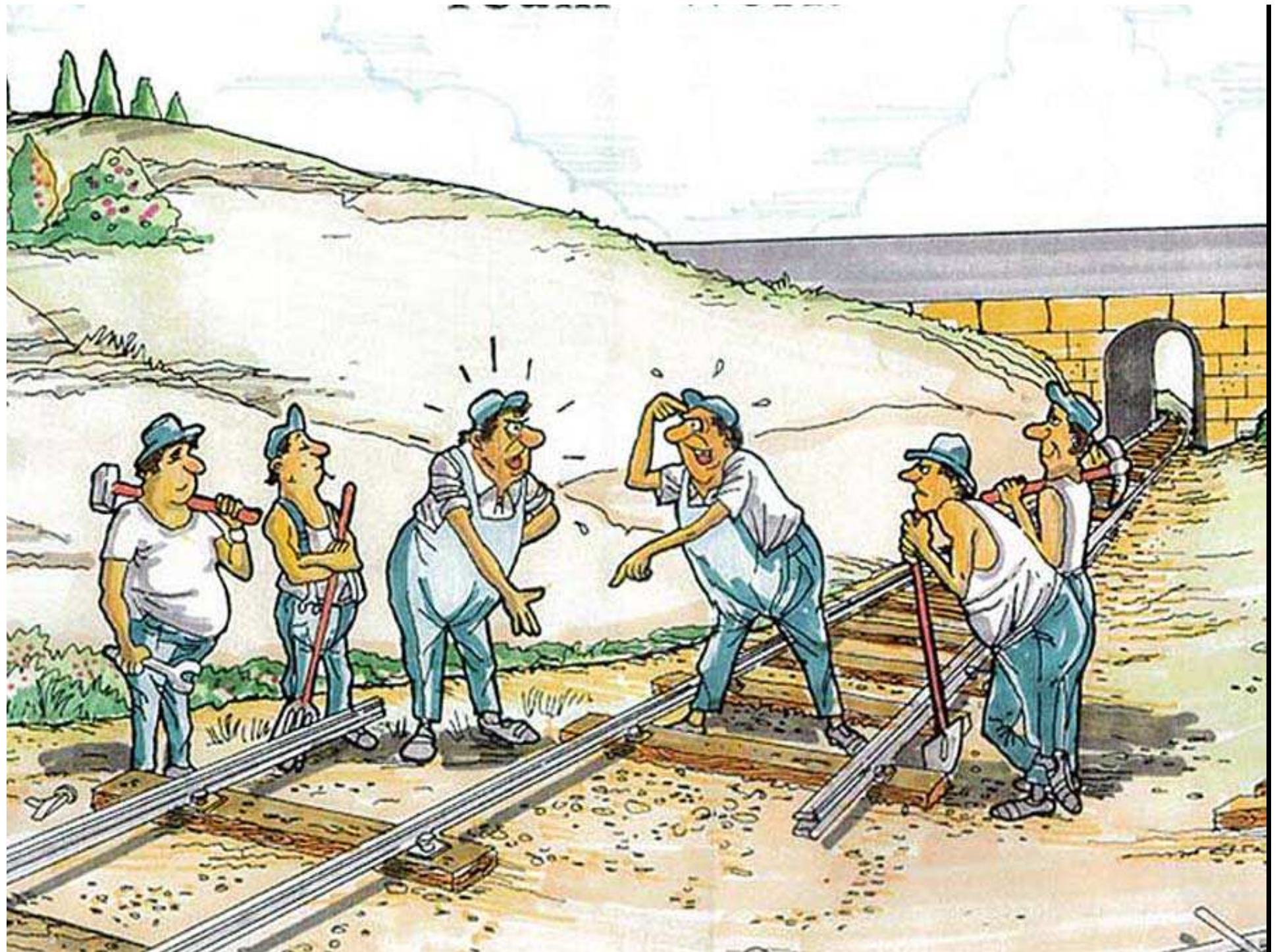
**participation in spirit  
unity for power**



**philippians 1:27-28, 2:1-3**

So if there is... any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.



**partaking in suffering  
enduring together**



### **philippians 3:8-10**

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

refer: phil 1:29-30 *“also suffer for His sake”*

# partnering in work labouring together



## philippians 4:3

Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

**partner through giving  
carrying the burden**



**philippians 4:15**

And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you.

# fellowship: partnership

what does it require?



- intentional partnering for gospel.
- unity in gebed.
- unity for power.
- endure suffering together.
- labouring together.
- carrying the burden together.