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2023 Christian Leadership Nexus Workshops Lessons

LESSON ONE

CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER UNLESS THEY AGREE?

(INTRODUCTION TO AMOS 3:3)

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Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? (NKJV)

1. INTRODUCTION

Amos three verse three is a reminder of the importance of agreement and unity for people to work together harmoniously. The Book of Amos is one of the twelve Minor Prophets in the Old Testament and primarily contains prophecies about the impending judgment of Israel.

Amos prophesied during a time of great moral and spiritual decline in Israel. This verse is part of a series of rhetorical questions that Amos uses to illustrate the logic of God's judgment on Israel. The verse employs a metaphor of two people walking together.

In this context, it's not about a casual stroll but about the idea of two individuals or entities working in close association or partnership. The verse implies that there can be no fellowship or communion between two parties who are not in agreement or harmony with each other. This applies to human relationships as well as to the relationship between God and his people.

- **Walking Together:** The imagery of "two walking together" symbolizes people cooperating or working in unison towards a common goal or purpose.
- **Agreement:** The verse emphasizes that for two individuals to walk together, they must agree. This implies that there must be some common understanding, shared values, or mutual consent for cooperation to occur.
- **Unity and Agreement:** The central message of this verse is that for two to walk together, they must agree.

This agreement goes beyond mere verbal consent; it implies a deep, shared understanding, purpose, and common values. In essence, it stresses the necessity of harmony and consensus for effective collaboration.

2. WHAT CAN WE GLEAN FROM THIS TEXT?

From a moral and ethical standpoint, Amos 3:3 can be seen as a reminder of the importance of unity and consensus in human relationships, whether in:

- Personal life,
- Community, or
- Leadership.

It stresses the idea that without a fundamental agreement or common ground, it's challenging for individuals to work together successfully.

3. SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

In a theological context, Amos 3:3 can be seen as a reminder that to have a close relationship with God, one must:

- Agree with His divine will and,
- Follow His commandments.

This verse encourages believers to strive for spiritual unity with God.

- It pinpoints the idea that being in agreement with God's will and following His path is the only guarantee for a harmonious and purposeful life.
- It can be viewed as a call to align with God's will. It implies that to walk with God and follow His path, one must agree with His principles and teachings.
- It encourages individuals to align themselves with divine principles and guidance.

3. MORAL CONNECTION

3.1 Human Relationships

In interpersonal relationships, this verse underscores the importance of shared values, goals, and mutual consent. It suggests that for a partnership or friendship to thrive, there must be alignment in fundamental beliefs and intentions. It emphasizes that a strong and enduring relationship is built on agreement and consent. Amos 3:3 encourages individuals to seek common ground, shared values, and a mutual understanding.

3.2 Community and Society

In the context of a community or society, the verse can be seen as a call for unity and consensus among its members. It suggests that a harmonious and prosperous community is built on the foundation of shared principles/objectives and common goals. It recommends that a thriving society is one where its members have a collective commitment to progress. It is a call for social cohesion.

3.3 Leadership and Governance

When applied to leadership, this verse highlights the need for leaders to have the support and agreement of those they lead. The verse emphasizes the importance of gaining the consent and agreement of those being led. Effective leadership is often rooted in the leader's ability to align their vision with the expectations and needs of the people.

4. SUMMARY

In summary, Amos 3:3 serves as a reminder of the importance of unity, harmony, and voluntary agreement in various aspects of life, whether in relationships, communities, leadership, or one's spiritual journey. It emphasizes that genuine collaboration is built on a foundation of shared principles and mutual consent.

5. WHAT DOES THIS WORKSHOP OFFER?

This text will be extensively dissected, to decide to continue in harmony, as preachers, elders, deacons, and other leaders for the growth of the Kingdom. Two topics, with great speakers, have been selected to handle these lessons.

- What does it mean to mean to work together in agreement?
- How does working together in agreement promote the Ministry?

6. CONCLUSION

Two cannot walk together unless they agree. May God bless you as you participate in this workshop(s) or read the lessons, especially with a view to arriving at the decision to work together with other leaders to promote the growth of the Kingdom to the glory of God. Amen.