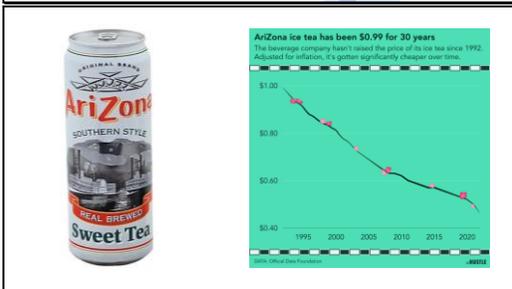




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We're calling about your car's extended warranty



A 23-ounce can of AriZona iced tea has been the same price for 30 years — 99 cents. Adjusted for inflation, it costs less than 1/2 as much as it did in 1992.

By the numbers

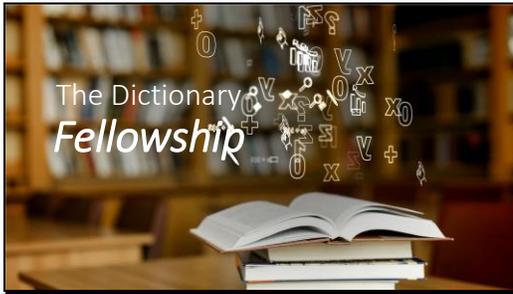
\$4,500 

 **\$835**

4,500 — [The price paid for a 15-year-old Afghan boy's kidney](#). His parents sold it to repay money they borrowed for medicine and food.

\$835 million — [The pay package](#) that Jeff Green, the chief executive of the ad-tech company Trade Desk, received last year, the biggest among the 358 companies on the S&P 500 that have disclosed 2021 CEO compensation





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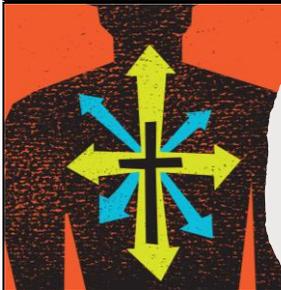


Fellowship – Partnership

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our **fellowship** is with **the Father** and with **his Son**, Jesus Christ.
• 1 John 1:3

Fellowship – partnership, sharing in common, agreement or unity of purpose. Fellowship with God is, at its most basic, agreement with Him in all things

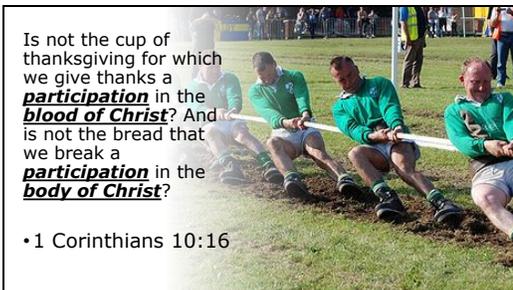
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fellowship – partnership
the Father – King, Lord, God
his Son – Creator, sustainer, God
Only available through Jesus

The world cannot accept him, because it neither **sees** him nor **knows** him. But **you know him**, for **he lives with you** and **will be in you**.
•John 14:17

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 sees – does not look, gaze at, discern
 knows – through personal experience
 you know him – through personal experience
 he lives with you – abides, remains with, stays with, waits for.

will be in you – inside, totally outside the OT
 To have fellowship with others, there must be a oneness of the heart, something that links two people together:
 At the very heart of fellowship, there must be like-mindedness. Two in fellowship must have like wishes and like desires. Believers have true fellowship with one another because of the Holy Spirit who indwells all believers, unlike any relationship we can have with those who do not know Christ.



Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a **participation** in the **blood of Christ**? And is not the bread that we break a **participation** in the **body of Christ**?
•1 Corinthians 10:16

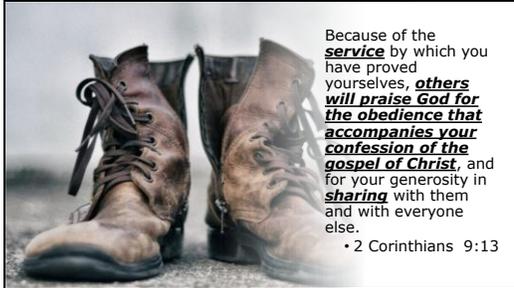
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participation – fellowship, partnership
 blood of Christ? – payment for us
 participation – fellowship, partnership
 body of Christ? – all believers; past, present, future
 Our participation, fellowship, partnership means that we're on a team, and teammates exert energy, and even get dirty.

Duncan Robinson, Miami Heat , not a starter, but played his part the other day

Listen to him explain his approach, his attitude, his partnership.





Because of the **service** by which you have proved yourselves, **others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ**, and for your generosity in **sharing** with them and with everyone else.

• 2 Corinthians 9:13

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service – kick up dust.

others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, - obedience, words and actions in agreement with the gospel.

sharing – fellowship, partnership

New way of looking at things – like this scene from A Charlie Brown Christmas



How to think about the other person you're in partnership with.

Dirt? No, something historical, treat them with respect. Did you ever dream about being famous? Or maybe the best in the world at something? Or the richest person you know?

Those dreams are not worth a moment of your life, because they are fleeting. One minute you could be a hero, and the next minute, you're a zero. One minute you're on the cover of some magazine, and the next week it's in the trash.

Going after trophies is a foolish goal. Why? Because, given enough time, all your trophies are going to be thrown away by someone in this generation or the next. Don't live your life for trophies and world records and fame. Those are not big enough dreams!

You need a dream that impacts eternity. That kind of dream focuses your energy and helps you endure.

That starts with your relationship with God, and then moves out into how we connect and support people.

An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon or a silver cup, but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win.

Joe LaCava started being Tiger Woods cadie in 2011 – it hasn't been a smooth road,



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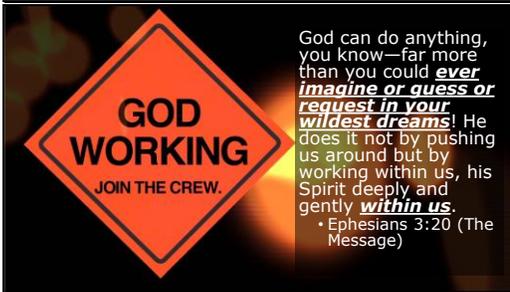
• 1 Corinthians 9:25-26, TLB



You don't give up on a guy if he's going through a tough time
 He stayed faithful, and was rewarded in 2019



Is that our reputation with other people? Do they look at us and say, "One of the most loyal human beings you'll ever meet.?"
 If yes – thank God.
 If not – then we have some work to do with God and people.



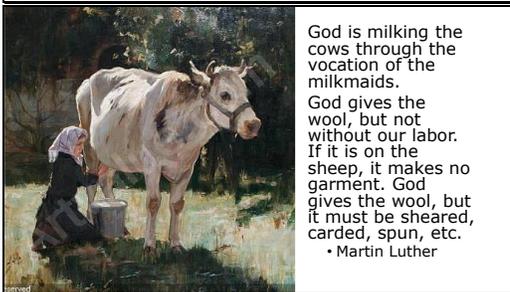
God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams – beyond what we can ask or think within us.– not us but Christ in us.
 What's God's wildest dream within you?



For Mr. Carson and Mrs. Hughes, it was a day at the beach.

Feel unsteady, reach out to Jesus, hold the hand of a brother/sister.
 Do you have someone that you can reach out to and hold their hand?
 Are you the kind of person that someone can reach out to and let them hold your hand?



God is milking the cows through the vocation of the milkmaids.
 God gives the wool, but not without our labor. If it is on the sheep, it makes no garment. God gives the wool, but it must be sheared, carded, spun, etc.
 Martin Luther

