

***The Church UNLEASHED!***  
***"Teamwork not Individual"***

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- 3 Stories from the pastor's past that we will tie together to make a point:
  - 3 Jocks vs 3 Band members in a pickup game of Basketball
  - Pyramid Leadership or Collaborative Ministry (I say do this vs. Let's brainstorm)
  - When an angry church didn't get to sing a special in a community service
- Lessons learned:
  - 3 Players vs 1 team
  - Importance of shared leadership and delegation
  - Small issues become big if not handled swiftly, correctly, and sensitively
- 3 Crisis in the early church:
  - Crisis #1- Persecution
  - Crisis #2- Hypocrisy
  - Crisis #3- Hostility and Discord

**Dig into the Word (Acts 6:1-7)**

- "Jerusalem, we have a problem...." (Acts 6:1)
  - Church growth and headaches
  - Multi-diverse church body and natural cliques and prejudices
    - Hebraic Jews vs Grecian Jews
  - "You didn't feed Momma!" Grumblings and stumbling
- Ways not to handle a problem...
  - Ignore it
  - Separate and segregate
  - Let the Apostle's handle it
- "Can we fix this....yes we can!" (Acts 6:2-4)
  - Transparency
  - Know your limitations
  - Involvement from all
  - Leaders set standards and exemplify what is expected
  - Delegate and Trust

**So What?**

- Unity requires the Spirit, prayer, humility, and trust
- No such thing as an "unimportant member" in the Body of Christ
- The Church can accomplish great things when
  - Same page / Same Spirit / In it Together

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- The Bishop and the difficult issue at Conference

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