

# Pt 4 – PLAYING AS A TEAM

**We have a role to play and a position to fill in God’s game plan.**

It is a huge honour to be chosen on God’s team to represent Him to the world. He has given each of us a jersey with our number on it that reveals our position.

**A team is a group of people with different abilities, talents, experiences, and backgrounds who come together to achieve a shared purpose.**



**Anything is possible for a united team who are playing to the same game plan (a shared vision).**

Our body functions properly when all the systems, organs and various parts work in unison together in the way each one was specifically designed.

**The Church is known as the Body of Christ. Each of us is a particular member and have a role and function to play out within the Body of Christ.**

*1 Corinthians 12:12 (tlb) Our bodies have many parts, but the many parts make up only one body when they are all put together. So it is with the “body” of Christ.*

This is a picture of the Church who is connected to “*the Head, that is, Christ*” (*Eph 4:15*) and working together for the “*common good*” (*1 Cor 12:7*).

## The Power of Alignment

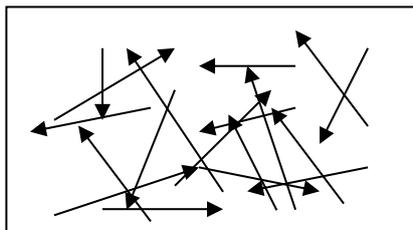
*Habbakuk 2:2 Then the LORD answered me and said, “Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run.”*

The power of alignment is when everyone is running together in the same direction with a shared purpose!

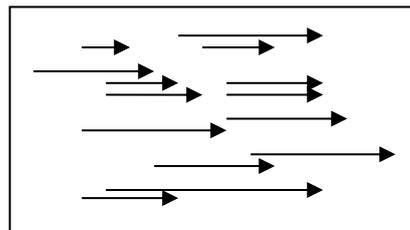
**Without alignment, disharmony will prevail.**

*Philippians 2:2 Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*

There is one thing worse than a church **without** a vision; it is a church with **many** visions!



**Church without alignment**



**Church with alignment**

## What is Vision?

**Vision is the ability to see the potential of what could be!**

## **What happens when people lack a common vision?**

*Proverbs 29:18 (gw) Without prophetic vision people run wild.*

Without a clear and compelling vision, the ministry of our church will not bear as much fruit as it could or rather should.

### **ACC Vision** (*why we exist*)

- **To be a Christ centred community of believers who obey the Great Commission.**

### **ACC Mission** (*what we do*)

- **Empowering people for life change.**

### **ACC Ministry Strategy** (*how we do it*)

- **ENGAGE** people with Jesus
- **ESTABLISH** people into their faith
- **EQUIP** people for service
- **EMPOWER** people to serve

With a clear vision (game plan) set firmly in place, there's no confusion. Our compass is set, and our every step can be sure.

**God not only has a game plan for our church collectively to pursue, He also has a unique plan for each of us individually to pursue.**

*Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.*

*John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain.*

**God has given each believer specific spiritual gifts to be discovered, developed and deployed.**

*Romans 12:6 And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly.*

*1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

**It's our responsibility to discover God's plan and purpose for our life, then to pursue it.**

We do this by;

### **Serving in our passion**

- Knowing your **gifts** will answer the '**what**' question!
- Knowing your **passion** will answer the '**where**' question!
- **Aligning** your **gifts** with your **passion** will cause you to play a **powerful** role in the Body of Christ.