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YouthBytes is a simple, yet effective tool in the hands of those who have a passion to reach and teach this generation. The Episode Guide is designed to help you implement YouthBytes into your particular setting at whatever level you choose: from a full meeting schedule to just a small video to enhance your meeting. We encourage each worker to add his or her own stories, experiences and illustrations to make your particular scenario work. The discussion questions are also just a starting point and we encourage each group to go further and deal with local issues and topics that might be relevant.

Each YouthByte Episode will include :

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We look forward to getting your feedback and comments for these Episode Guides. Also let us know what subjects you would want new YouthBytes to cover. As always, testimonies are welcome. Comments, ideas, and testimonies can be sent to feedback@youthbytes.org.

Disc 17 ~ Red vs. Blue Conspiracy Destruction (Part 2)



Video Summary

In this 10-minute piece, Chad and his Blue team suffer a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Red team. But the defeat comes as no surprise to anyone. Chad's lack of leadership and team building skills placed even his seasoned team members at the mercy of the under skilled Red team. Working as a team, within a predetermined strategy gave the Red team the advantage they needed to win the battle.



Icebreaker ~ Dodge a Tree

The mighty oak trees of Stellenbosch, near Cape Town, South Africa, were planted over 300 years ago. In recent years, they have begun to succumb to disease. The city has been cutting them down and planting new trees.

A man was sitting at a cafe, watching a team with loud chain saws working to remove a tree whose center had become dangerously decayed. The arborists had marked the danger zone with red and white barrier tape, and posted notices of danger, taking every precaution to prevent damage to property or persons.

Just as the tree was ready to fall, and the chainsaw operator was making the final cut, the man jumped up from his seat in the cafe. He ducked under the safety tape and started hurrying up the pavement to meet his girlfriend at a nearby shop. Despite the workers' frantic shouts, he continued toward the tree that by this time was beginning to fall. The chainsaw operator tried a desperate tackle to get him out the way, but it was too late. Missing the would-be rescuer by inches, the tree landed on the man's head, killing him instantly.

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Primary Lesson ~ Deceit and division destroy; unity brings power!

Jesus spoke about the power of agreement in Matthew 18:19: "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven." Don't put any limitation on this scripture. Jesus meant what He said.

The Greek word that Jesus used which is translated "agree" comes from the word "symphonize". If you have ever been to a symphony, then you can appreciate the importance of agreement. At the beginning of the symphony, the orchestra warms up. This is when everyone plays on their own without considering others. The noise is awful. But when the conductor lifts the baton, the racket stops and all eyes are on him. Then, with a wave of his baton, the orchestra plays outstanding music.

What makes the difference? The orchestra is in one accord. No one is on their own. And when they all do their part the music is lovely. We, too, in our relationships and lives, need to harmonize together. Jesus said that when we do, the world would come to believe in Him (see John 17:21). Your lives are like the struggle the Blue team faced in their battle against the Red team. Everyone had their own agenda and no one, including Chad, made the choice to submit to authority and do what was best for the team.



Facts, Figures & Illustrations

Airsoft: Airsoft was developed in Japan in the late 1970s to provide an alternative for gun hobbyists because local laws prevented individuals from privately owning firearms. A heavy emphasis was therefore placed on making accurate replicas of real firearms. In contrast, paintball was developed in the United States in 1981 as a variation of hide and seek tag. In Asia, airsoft is much more popular and paintball is nearly non-existent.

In airsoft, an "honor system" is employed whereby the players rely on each other's honesty to admit to being hit, because unlike paintball, the plastic pellets stop upon hitting clothing. Depending on the muzzle velocity of the gun and distance from which a person is shooting, the person on the receiving end of the shot will usually feel a slight pain on the area of impact. The pellets will sometimes not be felt by a player at very long ranges.

Because airsoft games are most often played in natural surroundings, animals can often interfere with these games and potentially be hazardous. Many airsoft gaming grounds in California institute a "snake call", whereby players have to yell "snake" when an actual snake is encountered to mark the location and warn other players. After a snake has been identified, that section of the field may be marked as out-of-bounds, or the game may be delayed until the threat is dealt with.

Kamikaze: [Japanese=divine wind]; the typhoon that destroyed Kublai Khan's fleet, foiling his invasion of Japan in 1281. In World War II the term was used for a Japanese suicide air force composed of fliers who crashed their bomb-laden planes into their targets, usually ships. The kamikaze was first used extensively at Leyte Gulf and was especially active at Okinawa.

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org>



Key Scriptures (From New King James Version, unless otherwise noted)

Matthew 24:12 ~ *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

Matthew 12:25 ~ *But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.*

John 17:21 ~ *That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.*

Matt 10:34-36 ~ *Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.*

Romans 5:12 ~ *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.*

James 3:13 ~ *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.*



Complimentary Story ~ The Effect of Synergy

In science, the phenomenon in which two or more discrete influences/agents acting together create an effect greater than that predicted by knowing only the separate effects of the individual agents, is called synergy. This phenomenon is exemplified by this story.

One of the top bridge builders in the country built one of the biggest and strongest bridges in the world and exclaimed that almost nothing could bring down this bridge. This bridge could withstand the weight of almost innumerable cars.

But, there was one thing that the designer said could destroy the bridge: a few hundred people marching across it in unison. So he gave the warning that if any group marched across the bridge, whether it be soldiers or a marching band parade, the marchers would have to stagger their steps, or else the bridge would collapse.

Individually, each marcher could hardly make a chair collapse, much less a building, or even bridge. Yet, combined with the synergy of many hundred marchers, stepping in exact rhythm, even this "biggest and strongest" of bridges could not withstand its effects. This teaches us an important lesson in unity, and the power of synergy.

1 Corinth 12:14-20 ~ *Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.*

Colossians 1:15-19 ~ *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*

1 Thess. 5:12~ *And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you.*



Discussion Questions

1. Discuss 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 in the context of leadership and what it means to have one head, or leader, over an individual unit. How does the expression, "too many chefs in the kitchen spoil the soup" apply to your relationships in family, friendships and church.
2. Discuss the reasons why the Red team prevailed against the Blue team. Was it truly the mole's fault, or was Chad to blame for sowing the seeds of deception inside his team?
3. Discuss James 3:13. I like to call it *all blow and no show*, or *put your money where your mouth is*, or *bring it, don't sing it*. Anyone can say they have faith, but there are very few who are willing to put it to the test. Which one are you?
4. Discuss the relationships in your life that are causing strife and division in your home or circles of friends. Why is this happening and can you take any of the blame? What are you willing to do to bring peace to the situation?