

## You Can't Go It Alone

**1 Thessalonians 4:11** - Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you;

**1 Thessalonians 4:12** - so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and have need of nothing.

**2 Thessalonians 3:10** - When we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone will not work, neither let him eat.

**2 Thessalonians 3:11** - For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

**2 Thessalonians 3:12** - Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

**Gregg, Josiah. Commerce of the Prairies. Edited by Max L. Moorhead. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1954, page 26:**

*It was on May 15, 1831 that our little party set out from Independence. The general rendezvous at Council Grove was our immediate destination. It is usual for the traders to travel thus far in detached parties, and to assemble there for the purpose of entering into some kind of organization, for mutual security and defense during the remainder of the journey.*

The ultimate objective is Santa Fé but the immediate objective is Council Grove.

You do not seek to make the trek to the ultimate objective alone, you must become organized for security and defense. The spiritual application is that no one makes it to experiential sanctification alone, that is attempting to do it by yourself through human energy.

The soul must be fortified if it is to maintain an environment in which safe travel is possible. Fortification occurs during the exercise of the two power options.

Your Council Grove is the rendezvous with the Holy Spirit through confession alone to God alone. He will teach you all you need to know to make the journey and retain that information in your memory traces for recall and application along the way.

Preparation for the advance to your spiritual Santa Fé demands proficiency in the three spiritual skills. Further, it is also necessary to associate yourself with others who are of like mind.

Circumstances will present themselves which require the assistance of others whose destination is the same as yours. This principle is found in church unity and the desire which comes from it to help one's fellow believer in his advance toward the ultimate objective.

On occasion, one believer can help a fellow traveler reach an immediate objective, after which he is then able to continue his advance toward the ultimate objective. In the local church we all come into contact with one another and, on occasion, such associations cause stress and misunderstanding. But believers are bound by an honor code that instructs them not to ignore their fellow believer but to assist them toward the ultimate goal.

No one can make it to Santa Fé alone. Each of us needs the Holy Spirit's mentorship and the support of our fellow believers in Christ.