



PLANTING PITFALLS



Momentum stealers to avoid

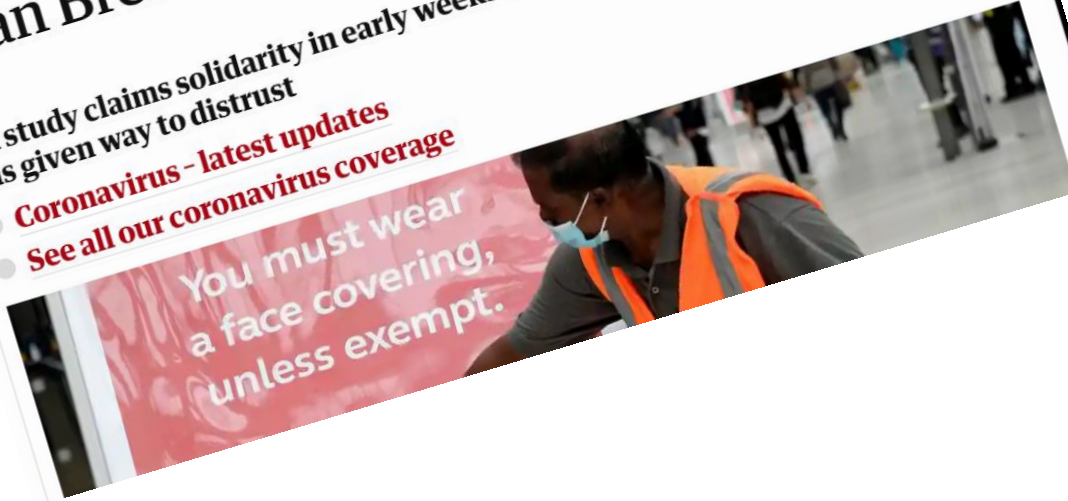
3. Discouragement,
Disagreement & Division:
staying excited about
where you're headed



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The immeasurable preciousness of unity and the immense danger of disunity

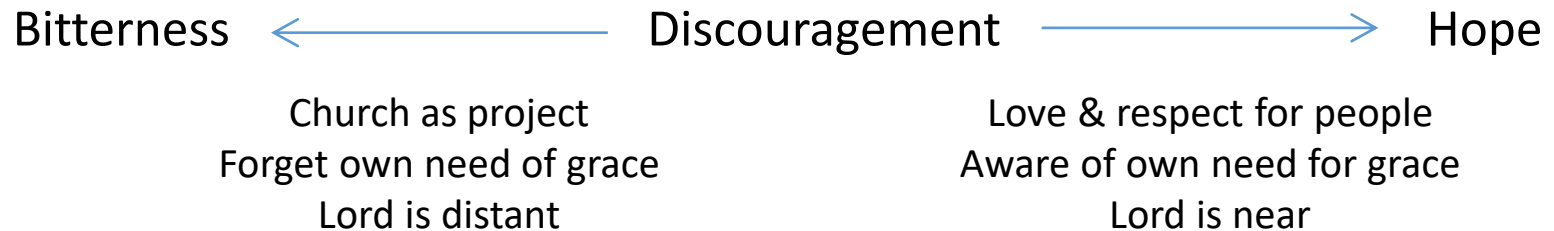
If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. (Gal. 5:15)

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:3)

Stand firm in one Spirit... make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind (Phil. 1:27; 2:2)

Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them (Titus 3:10)

Guard your heart



Opportunity

- To be humbled (Judges 20)
- To see values, agenda, fears and desires
- To see misalignment and clarify vision
- To see better ways forward
- To love one another
- To demonstrate the power of the gospel
- To do more gospel ministry

Different divisions

Acts 6:1 – systemic – change the system

Acts 15:2 – theological – theologise

Acts 15:39 – strategy/priorities/wisdom

Titus 1:10; 3:10 – rebellion/deception – rebuke

Phil 4:2 – individualism/tensions – gospel unity

...my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm **in the Lord** in this way, **dear friends!**

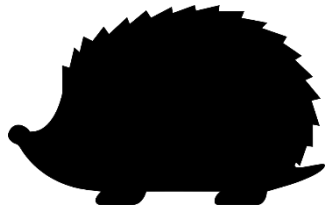
² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the **same mind in the Lord**. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true **yoke-fellow**, help these women since they have contended **at my side** in the **gospel**, along with Clement and the rest of my **co-workers**, whose names are in **the book of life**.

Know yourself – you may need to go against your natural disposition

In conflict

Desires

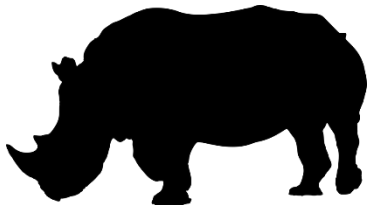
Fears



Movement away
Ignore

Comfort, security,
perfection, order

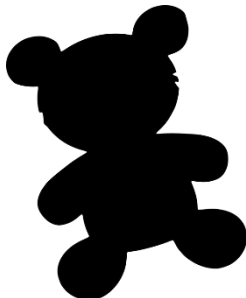
Difficulty, punishment,
chaos, being controlled



Movement against
Win

Success, control,
admiration

Failure, being
dominated, weakness



Movement towards
Appease

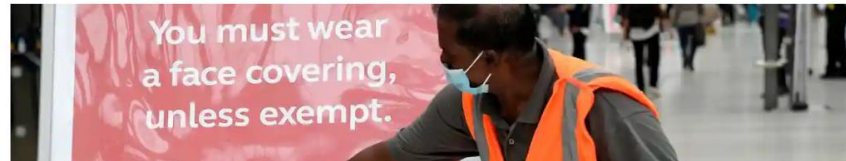
Acceptance,
belonging, intimacy

Rejection, isolation,
shame

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Love with time
Educate the conscience
We don't give in to fear
We want to meet together
Cheerfulness



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Nehemiah 6