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Euclid was a Greek mathematician who lived around 300 BC. Two of his brilliant axioms in geometry have been combined to produce the modern saying, "[The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.](#)"

One way of stating this complicated principle is that something amazing happens in a group that goes far beyond the logic of mere math. That something is called **synergy**, from the Greek word *sunergia*, meaning cooperation, or working together.

The Apostle Paul used a similar word in 1 Corinthians 3:9 when he wrote: "*for we are laborers together with God.*" The Corinthian Christians were to keep in mind with whom their labors were connected. We should too!

Our collective efforts together as co-workers with God Himself provide the miracle of "synergy." Our efforts are literally multiplied in this team effort.

One great example of "synergy" was observed during a horse-pulling contest in which the first place horse was able to move a 4,500 pound sled. The second place horse pulled one weighing 4,000 pounds. The participants wondered what the horses could do together, so they hitched them up and found they were able to move 12,000 pounds. That's almost three times as much as the horses were able to pull separately! Once again it's true, "the whole is greater than the sum of it parts."

When you do what you can do and I do what can do, and together join our efforts with the Lord . . . the outcome is miraculously multiplied. It is the power of unified cooperation. As God's people, we can always reach higher, go farther, and do more when we're working together with Him.

As you can see, September is going to be an incredible month for our First Family. Look carefully through these pages and mark your calendars for some exciting upcoming events. It is our prayer that these will not simply be busy days, but blessed days for you.

Now an even more personal note . . . On the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month, Tammy & I will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I know you can't believe we're that old! I'm having a hard time knowing where the time has gone to! It seems only yesterday we were 16-year-old high school students headed out for our first date at the Western Sizzlin Steak House in my red Pontiac Sunbird just before a Revival service at her dad's church. We dated almost 5 years before I finally popped the big question (I do nothing with great haste!). It's turned out to be one of the smartest decisions I ever made.

Tammy is God's special gift to my life. She is my best friend, my encourager, my supporter, my partner, my companion in ministry, and the wonderful mother of our 2 children.  
We're making plans on growing old together . . .

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the "First Lady of Saks"

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