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We are all simply "under-rowers" together in the belly of the ship with Christ as the only captain on the bridge calling out directions.



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Mr. Voss and Martinez said, 'When the cells all work together 'the entire system is healed'!!





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## <u>Q:</u>

What do we do when the person next to me on the bench is really different than me?



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- 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.
- 15 If the foot should say,
  - "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.
- 16 And if the ear should say,
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17 If the whole body were an eye,
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- 21 The eye cannot say to the hand,
  "I have no need of you,"
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  "I have no need of you."
- 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,
- 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

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#### 'Coach Carter'

(2005 film)

Ken Carter, who in 1999 returned to his High School alma mater in Richmond, California as the basketball coach to help turn around a school that was a miserable failure academically yet was a tremendous success athletically.

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# What does it mean to belong?

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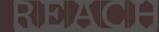
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