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Thought for today...

Action movies - you can't beat a good one! Those which depict a highly trained team working together and saving the day against all odds are my favourite.



The team will usually have spent a great deal of time training together, learning their own and each other's strengths and weaknesses. Once finely honed, those skills will be utilised to optimum effect, complementing or compensating their team as required.

Each member of the team will likely have a specialty for which they are known - perhaps skilled in the discharge of explosives, or excelling in hand to hand combat.

Before going into battle, the team will ensure that they are dressed head to toe in suitable armour. Along with the requisite weaponry, they will also equip themselves with any tools deemed necessary to aid their mission and ensure success.

A good team leader will carry out a scouting mission prior to sending his troops in to do combat with the enemy at close quarters.

Often, the best sniper will be positioned, watching and waiting at a distance, weapon in hand and finger poised to pull the trigger at the sign of any attack on his team by the enemy.

As followers of Christ, we too need to ensure that we are suitably equipped and attired for battle with the enemy. **Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV)** tells us to 'Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.'

Not only so, but we need to be trained, learning how to perfect our gifts and skills so that they are of maximum benefit to our teammates who are in the Body of Christ. In **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)** we read that 'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.'

Your special skill may be as a watchman and you may be able to discern the enemy's plan before he strikes, giving opportunity to sound the alarm and enable others to prepare for battle. Perhaps your skill lies in hand to hand combat, which will necessitate you being in close proximity to the enemy. Whilst completely different skill sets are required in these areas, both hold great value in ensuring the overall success of the whole team, and this is just how God planned it.

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT