



CHAPLAN'S CHAT

LOYAL FRIENDS

Few sights evoke as much attention, and awe, as that of a large flock of Canadian geese winging their way in a V-Formation to the North or South. They speak of the changing of seasons, and of the value of teamwork.

What many don't know is that when a goose becomes ill or wounded, it never falls from formation alone. Two other geese also drop out of formation and follow the ailing goose to the ground. One of them is usually the mate of the wounded bird, since geese mate for life and are extremely loyal to their mates. Once on the ground, the healthy birds help protect him and care for him as much as possible, even to the point of throwing themselves between the weakened bird and possible predators. They stay with him until he is either able to fly again, or dies. Then, and only then, do they launch out. In most cases, they wait for another group of geese to fly overhead and they join them, adding to the safety and efficiency of their numbers.

If only human beings would care for one another this well! Stick with your friends, and more importantly, stick by them.

John: 15: 13, Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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