

# Lessons from the Geese

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# Lesson 1:

- As each goose flaps its wings it creates an 'uplift' for the bird following. By flying in a 'V' formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.
- **Lesson – People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker because they are going on the thrust of one another. 😊**

## Lesson 2:

- Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets into formation to take advantage of the 'lifting power' of the bird immediately in front.
- **Lesson – If we have as much sense as a goose, we will join in formations with those who are headed where we want to go.**

# Lesson 3:

- When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates to the back of the formation and another goose flies at the point position.
- **Lesson – It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing the leadership – with people, as with geese, interdependent with one another.**

# Lesson 4:

- The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those in front to keep up their speed.
- **Lesson – We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging.**

# Lesson 5:

- When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is able to fly again.
- **If we have as much sense as the geese, we will stand by each other. 😊**