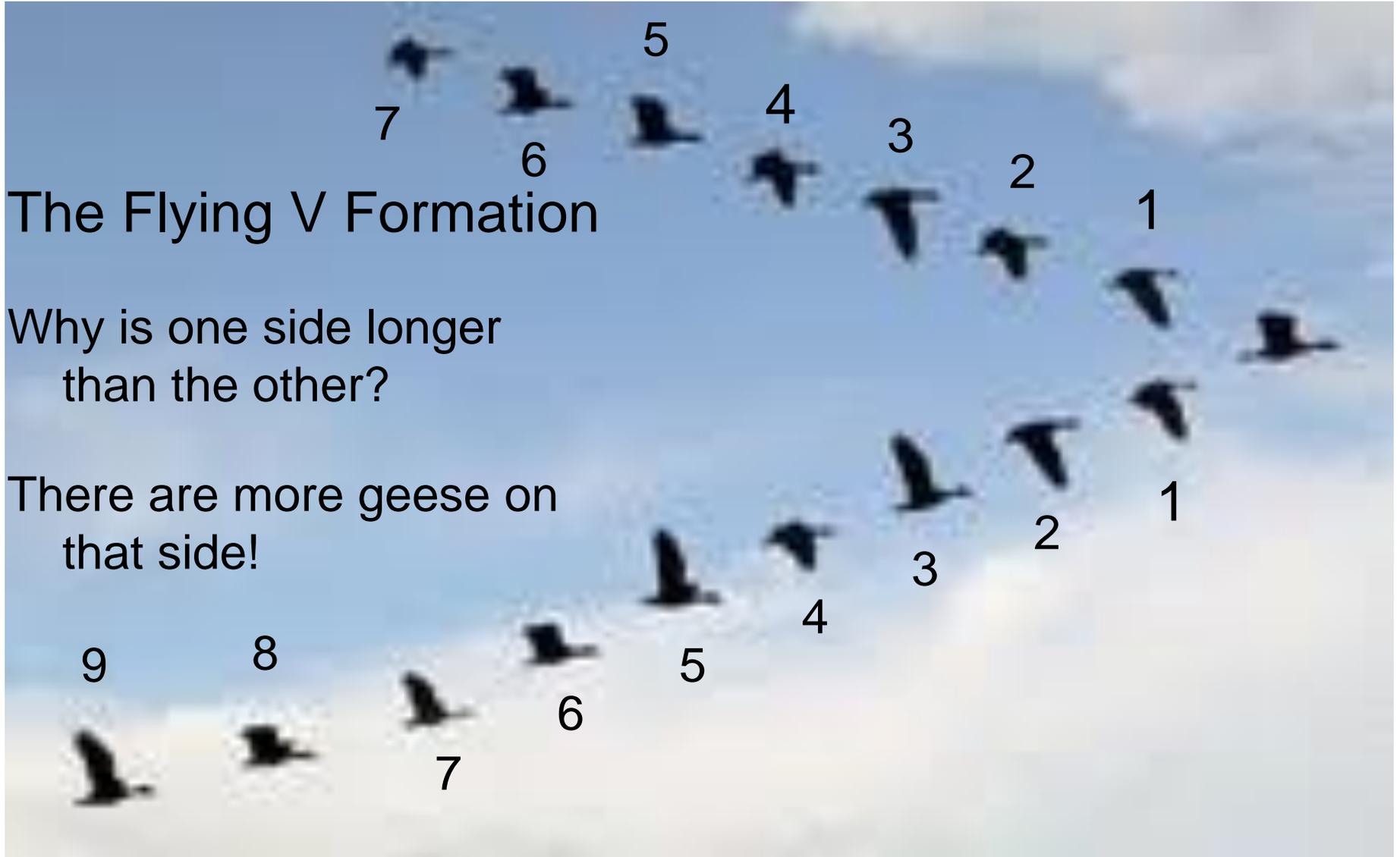


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II Kings 5 : 1 – 12

Naaman - expected something extravagant

He will come out to me

Stand and call on the name of the Lord

Wave his hand

And heal the leprosy

But the answer wasn't – it was fairly simple

Go and wash in the Jordan seven times

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II Kings 5 : 1 – 12

Naaman became furious

Why?

Because he couldn't accept the simple. He didn't understand the answer.

“Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar...better...?”

He was taught a valuable lesson from his servant

“...if the prophet had told you to do something great (complicated), would you not have done it? How much more then...‘wash, and be clean’ (simple)?”

Accept the simple!

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What happens when we make things complicated?

II Samuel 6 : 1 – 10

David decides its time to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem

So what do they do?

Build a cart to carry the ark

They find oxen to pull the cart

They enlist Uzzah and Ahio to drive the ark

They gather all the house of Israel to play before the Lord

They make it complicated!

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What happens when we make things complicated?

II Samuel 6 : 1 – 10

The result

“...Uzzah put out his hand...for the oxen stumbled...God struck him...and he died...”

Where did they go wrong?

They complicated the task

Exodus 25 : 10 – 15

Numbers 4 : 15

What should they have done?

Simplify it! – II Samuel 6 : 12 – 13

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Salvation

“We try to get 5 X’s better than their 5 O’s. Now that’s what I call good coaching.” Coach Guy Lewis (paraphrased)

The greatest question ever asked –

“Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

The greatest answer ever given –

“...Keep the commandments.”

Yes – its just that simple!

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Salvation

What are the commandments?

Mark 16 : 16

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved...”

“And how shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard?” Romans 10 : 14

Luke 13 : 3, 5

“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

Matthew 10 : 32

“Therefore whoever confesses Me...”

Acts 8 : 26 – 31, 35 – 39

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Is it?

No, it's fairly simple