

UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

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THE SUM IS GREATER THAN THE PARTS

They arrived in the desert of Sinai, and they camped in the desert, and Israel camped there opposite the mountain. (Shemos 19:2)

The verse uses the singular form of "camped" to teach us that they camped there like one man with one heart. (Rashi)

For the Jewish People to receive the Torah, they had to experience complete unity. The Torah is truth, and truth is universal. As long as we are separate, we see only our perspective, which is limited. By joining in humility, we become receptacles for something higher.

The Giving of the Torah was only a glimpse of the Time to Come. Sadly, that state of unity quickly wore off, and our grasp of G-d's Torah dwindled. Now that we find ourselves standing ready for Moshiach, who will reveal the true depth of G-d's Torah, we must prepare by joining in humble unity, like one man with one heart.

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