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Hello, Malvern. Today is September 17, 2021. In a book titled "Augustine Day By Day", today's reading is labeled "One Goal". The reading is as follows...

"We know we are traveling together. If our pace is slow, go on ahead of us. We won't envy you but rather will seek to catch up with you. However, if you consider us capable of a quicker pace, run along with us.

There is only one goal, and we are all anxious to reach it- some at a slow pace and others at a fast pace." - Sermon on a New Canticle 4, 4

There were two common themes I gathered from this reading. I first picked up on the leadership in this piece. Sometimes, when we work in a group or a team, other group members may hold us down, limiting us to achieving our goals when we want. In this passage, the group tells the leader to go ahead- to move on- and they won't envy his pace (success). But how can we be a leader if we don't have anyone to lead? How can we be entitled to lead if we abandon our team?

Continuously, in the passage, the group claims that if the leader thinks his group is capable of success, they ask him to "run along with us". Sometimes, it can be hard to decrease your pace to help others increase their pace. We are one body, one team, and ultimately have the same goal. The demonstration of your leadership is shown not based on your success, but your team's success.

With this, another theme stuck out to me. Sometimes, we tend to rush. We want to move forward into the future, without fully appreciating the present. When we do this, we lose sight of what matters now: our friends and family, our motivation, and our calling. We all want to be

accepted into God's kingdom, but sometimes, we forget why God put us on this earth in the first place, to experience life!

“Tomorrow is a mystery, yesterday is history, but today is a gift, and that's why we call it the present.”