



A LESSON FROM GEESE

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Have you ever wondered why migrating geese fly in a V formation?

A flock of geese is flying in a V formation across a clear blue sky. Below them, a landscape features a prominent light-colored sandstone cliff face on the left, with a dense forest of trees in various shades of green and autumnal colors (orange, red, brown) covering the rest of the terrain. The geese are positioned in the upper half of the frame, moving from left to right.

As with most animal behavior,
God had a good reason for
including that in their instincts.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird following.



In a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone...

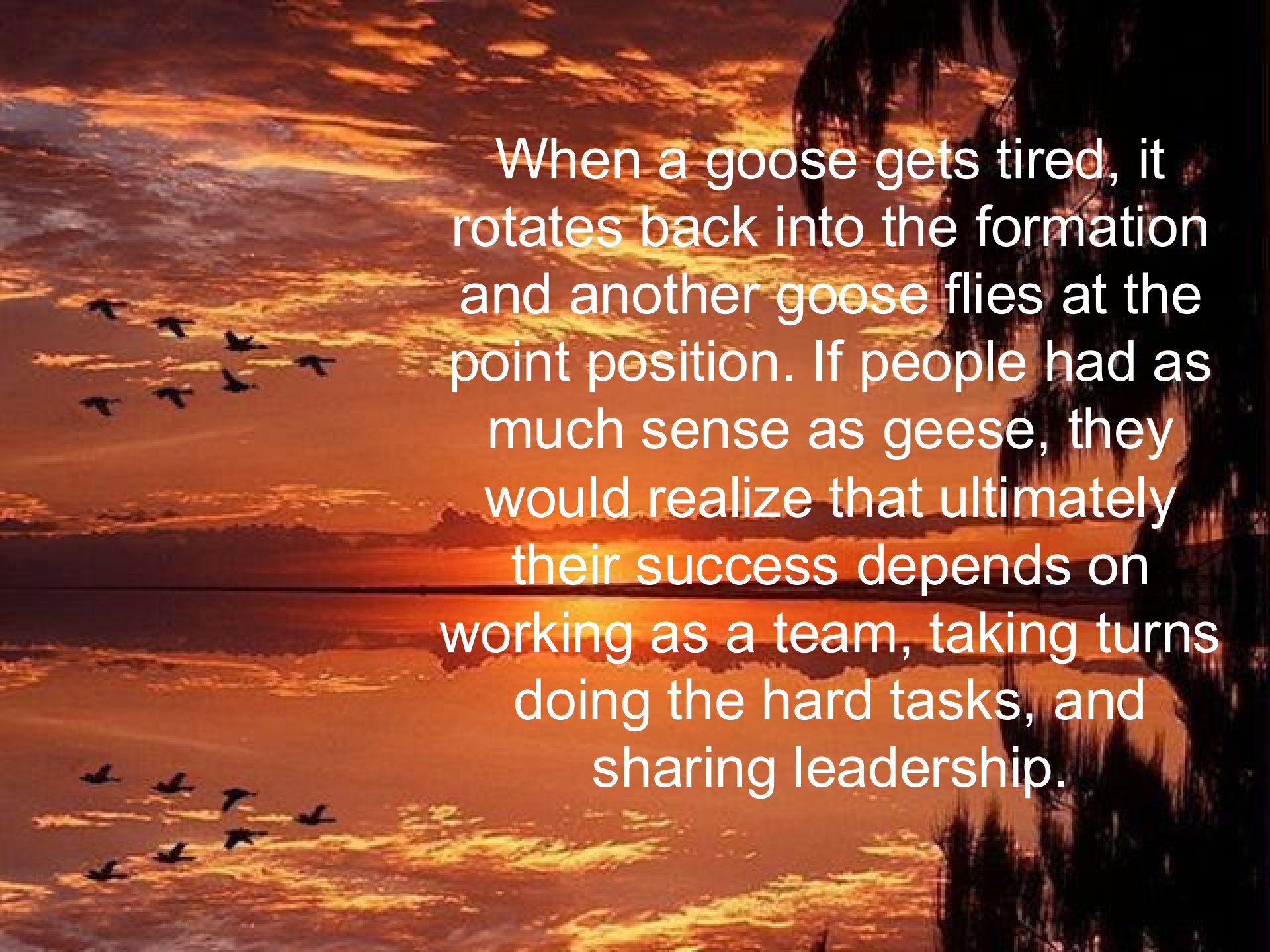


...and quickly gets back into formation.

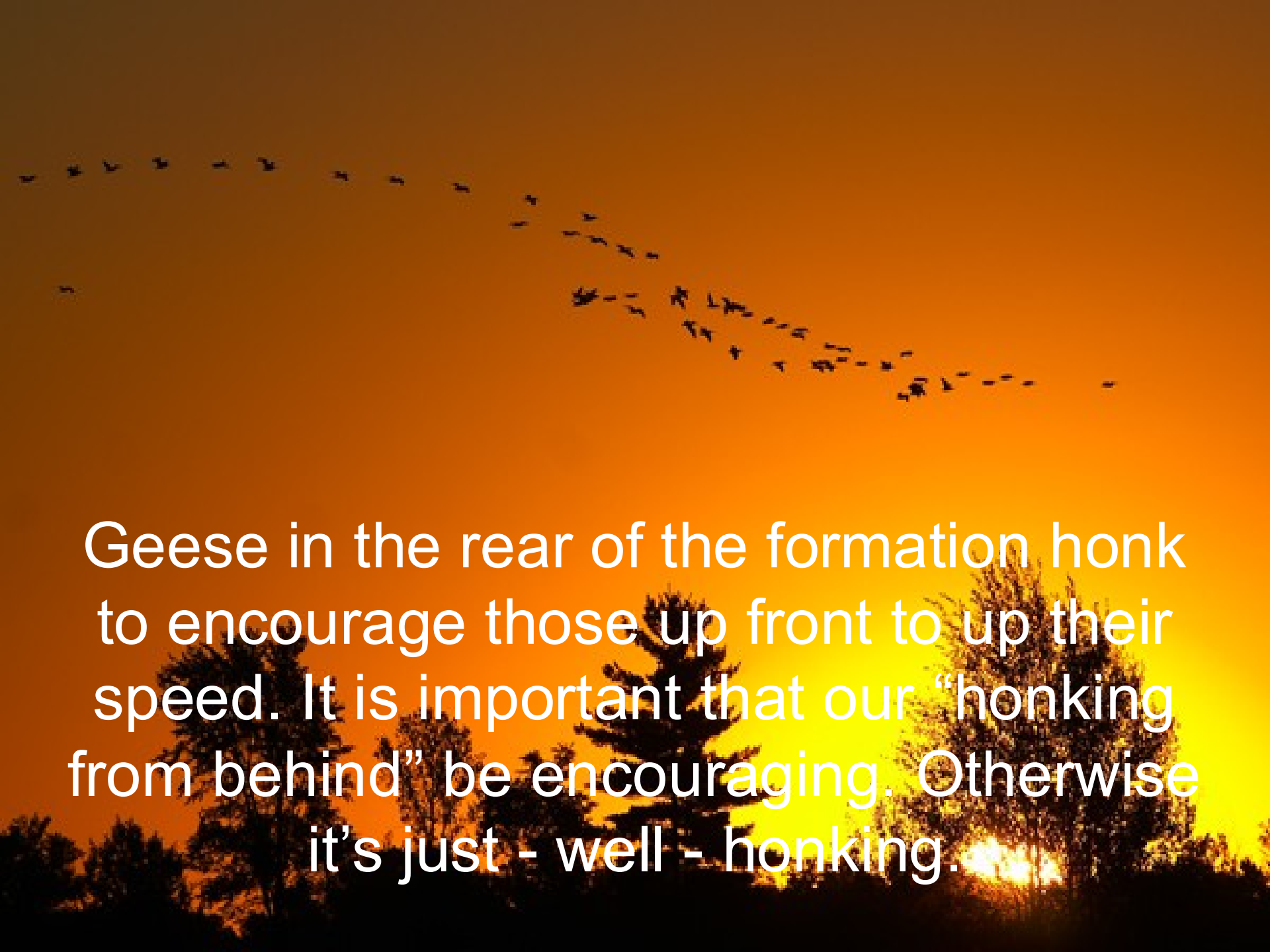
Like geese...



... people who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier than those who try to go it alone.

A sunset over a body of water with geese flying in formation. The sky is filled with orange and yellow light, and the water reflects the colors. A large tree is visible on the right side of the image.

When a goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position. If people had as much sense as geese, they would realize that ultimately their success depends on working as a team, taking turns doing the hard tasks, and sharing leadership.

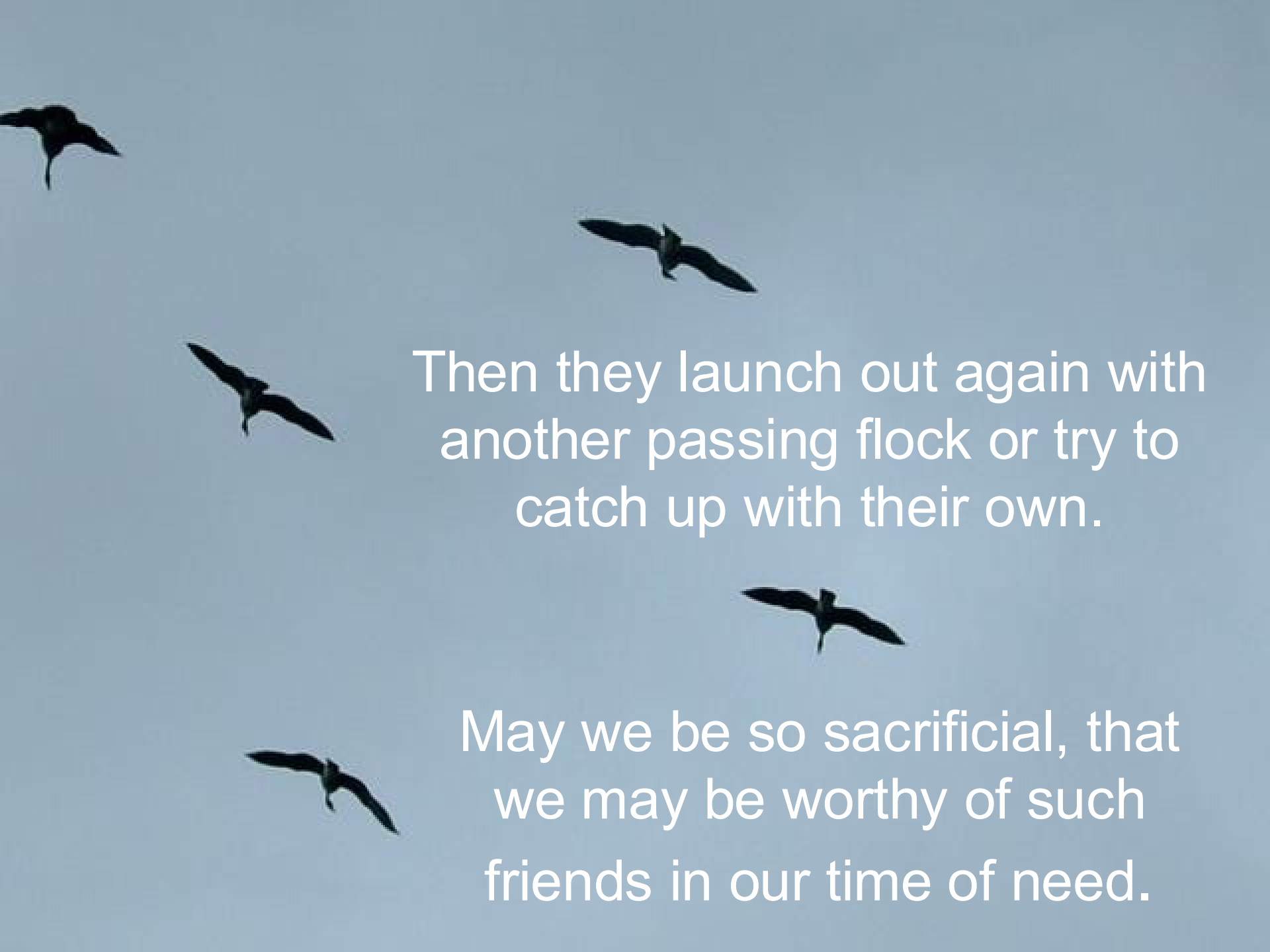
A flock of geese is flying in a V-formation against a bright orange and yellow sunset sky. The geese are silhouetted against the light, and their wings create a series of dark lines that form the shape of the letter 'V'. The sun is visible in the lower right corner, partially obscured by the dark silhouettes of trees. The overall scene is warm and inspiring.

Geese in the rear of the formation honk to encourage those up front to up their speed. It is important that our “honking from behind” be encouraging. Otherwise it’s just - well - honking.

When a goose gets sick or wounded, two other geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and provide protection.



They stay with the unhealthy member of the flock until it is either able to fly again or dies.

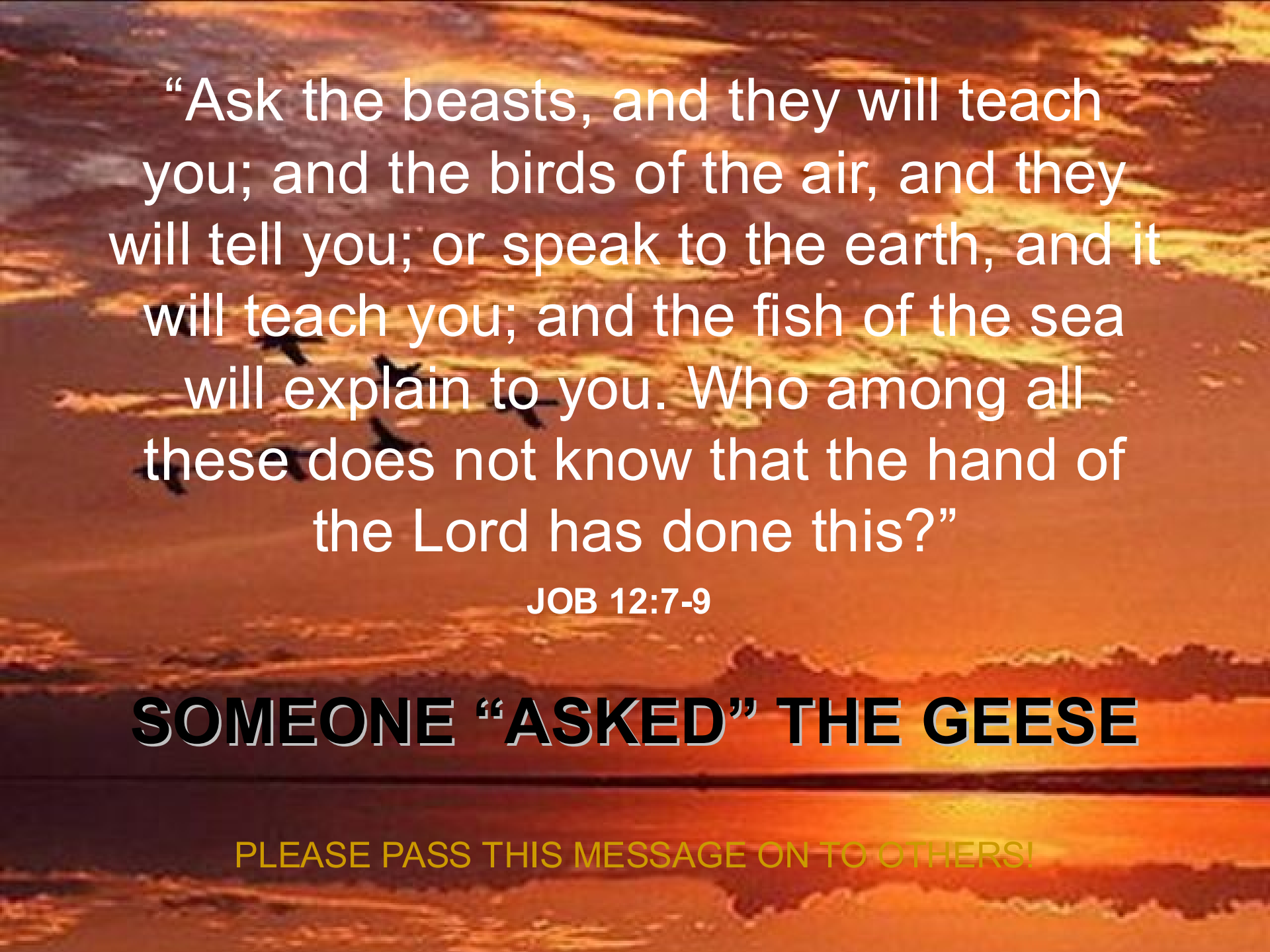
The image features a clear, light blue sky as a background. Five birds, likely terns, are captured in flight, their dark silhouettes contrasting against the sky. They are scattered across the frame, with some appearing to be in a loose formation. The birds are shown in various stages of flight, with wings spread wide, suggesting a sense of movement and freedom.

Then they launch out again with
another passing flock or try to
catch up with their own.

May we be so sacrificial, that
we may be worthy of such
friends in our time of need.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SCIENTIST...

...To learn from God's marvelous
creation; you only need to stop long
enough to observe and let God reveal
His wonders to you.



“Ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?”

JOB 12:7-9

SOMEONE “ASKED” THE GEESE

PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO OTHERS!