



The Ants Go Marching One by One

Philippians 4:8-9



God Knows the Power of Our Thoughts

**Change
your thoughts
and you change
your world**

Norman Vincent Peale

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- **That's Why Philippians 4:8 Declares...**

- Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies. **Philippians 4:8-9 (MSG)**

- **But This Way of Thinking is Not Natural**

- **We Are Prone to the Negative**

- **If We Arent Careful It Will Overcome Our Thinking...**

- **We Get Infested with ANTS**

Norman Vincent Peale

WHAT ARE ANTS?

Automatic Negative Thoughts

"He's always putting me down."



"I'm so stupid."



"No one understands me."



"Why try? I'm awful at this."

"I shouldn't cry."

"I won't get this done on time. I just won't try."



"I feel like staying in bed, but I should go to the gym."



"She didn't say hello, she must hate me."



"You never listen to me."



"Nobody could love me."



"I'm a failure."



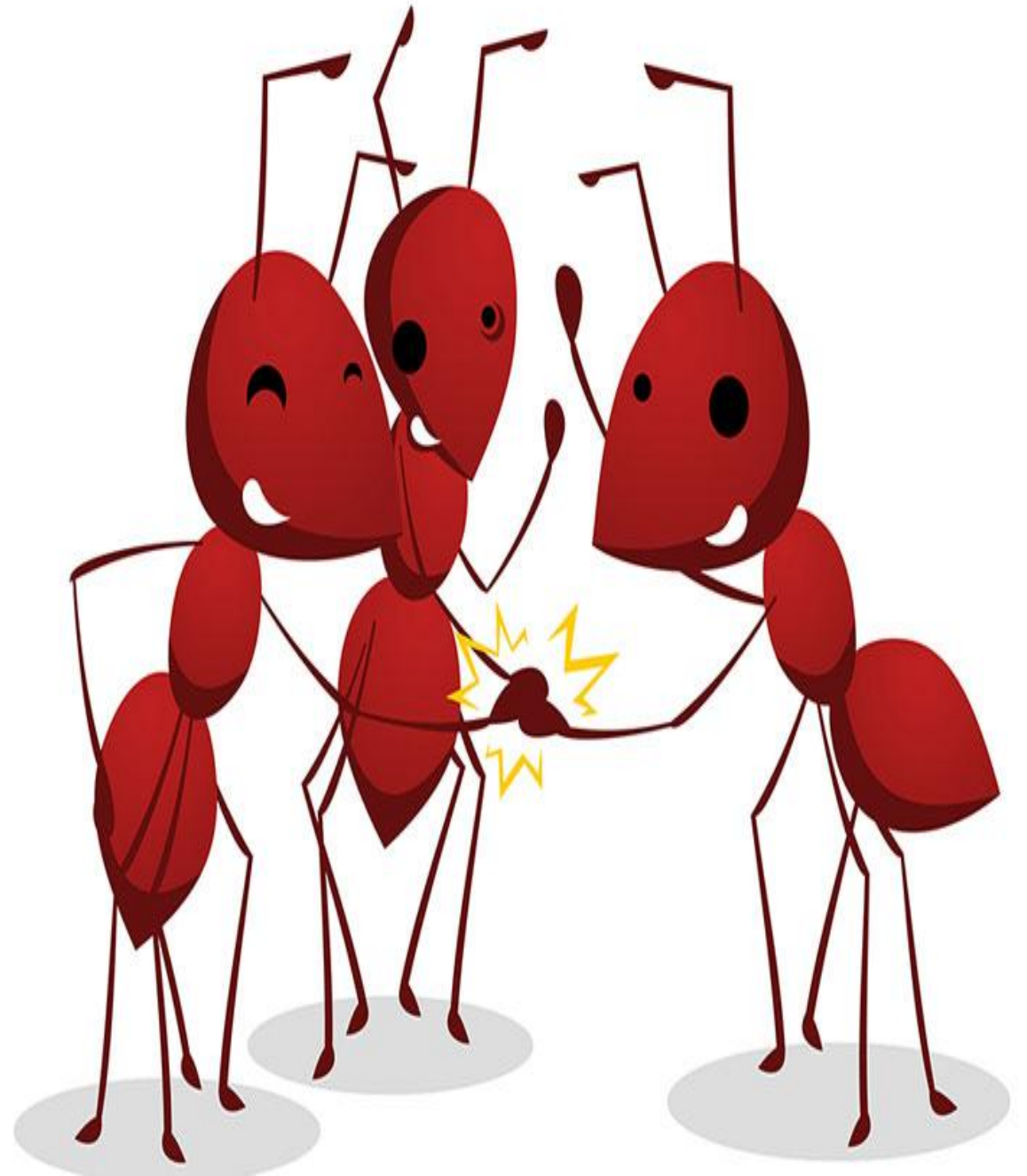
"I'm so annoying."



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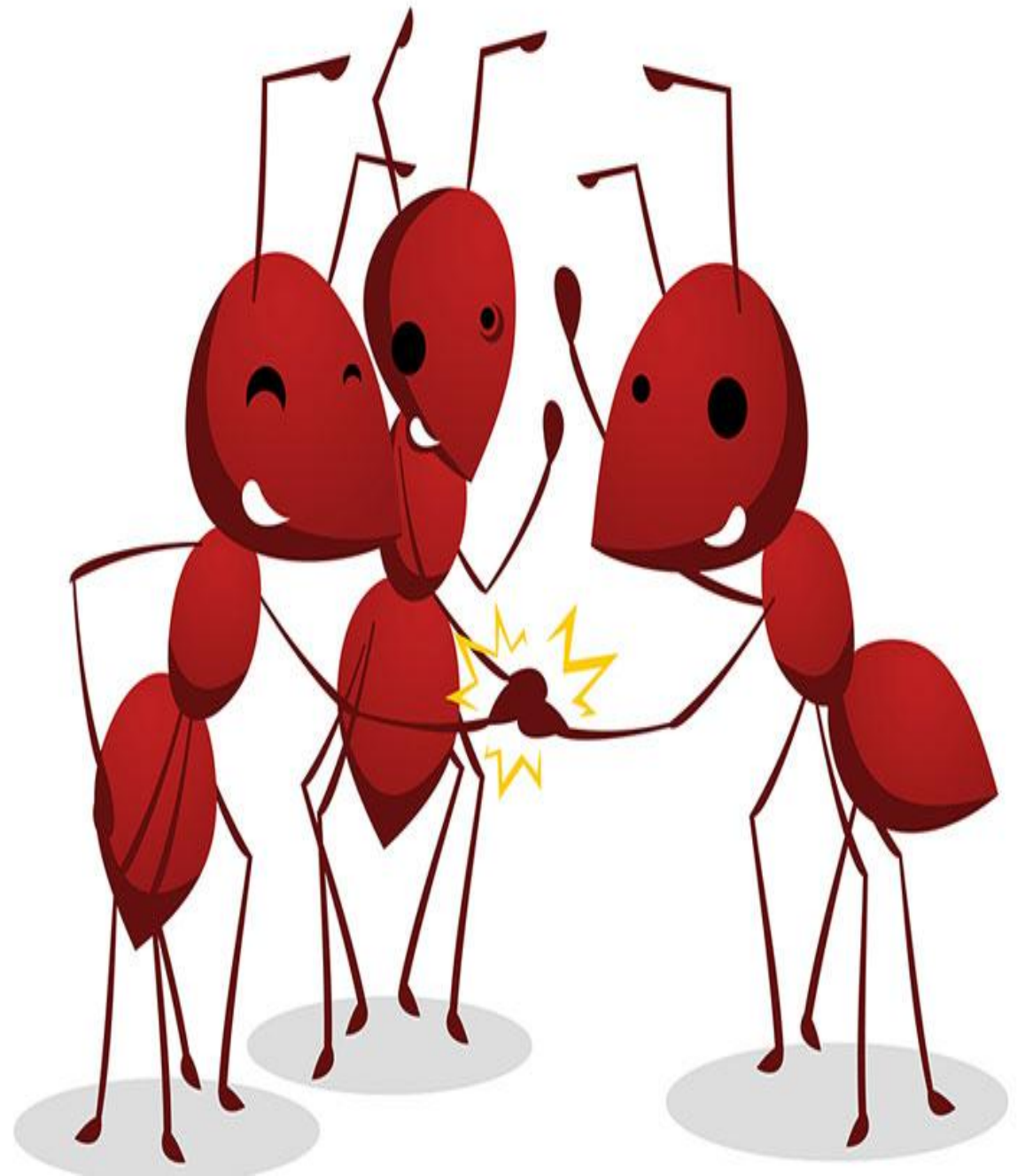
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RAID

- **R- Resist**
- **A- Adjust**
- **I- Inspect the Truth**
- **D- Dwell on Truth Instead**





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☐ "Always" or "Never"

- Thinking Includes words like always, never, no one, everything

☐ Focusing on the Negative

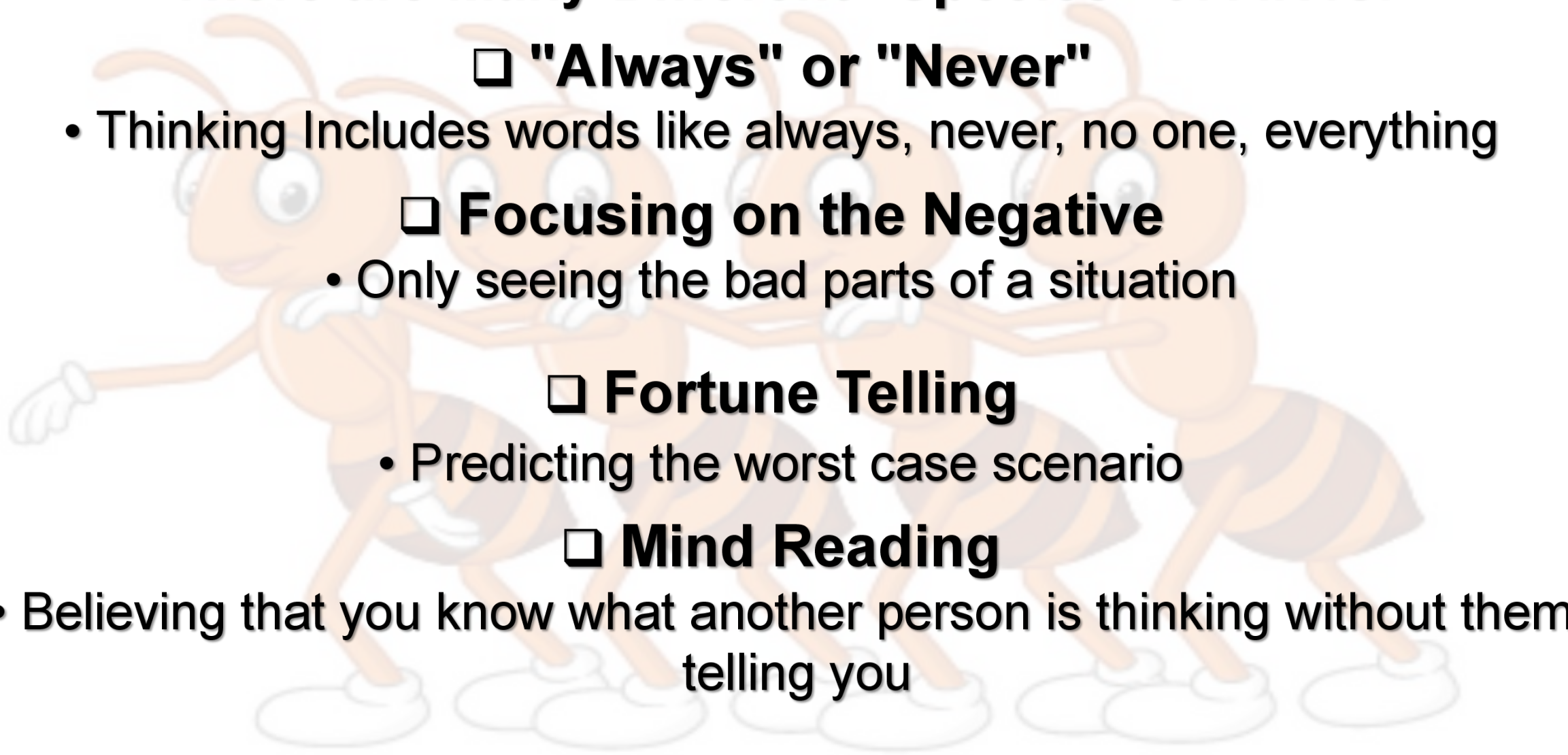
- Only seeing the bad parts of a situation

☐ Fortune Telling

- Predicting the worst case scenario

☐ Mind Reading

- Believing that you know what another person is thinking without them telling you



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☐ **Thinking with your Feelings**

- Believing negative feelings rather than questioning them

☐ **Guilt Beatings**

- Thinking of what you should have done, ought to have done

☐ **Labeling**

- Giving yourself or someone else a negative label

☐ **Personalization**

- Harmless events are seen as personal in nature

☐ **Blame**

- Blaming someone else for your problems

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 - **Watched Things They Should Not Have Watched**
 - **Participated in Things They Should Not Have**
 - **Been Places They Should Have Stayed Away From**
 - **Said Things They Should Have Never Said**
 - **Thought Things They Should Not Have Thought**

Time to Get Real

“For all have sinned and fall *short* of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23.

man

GOD

JESUS

Love
Grace
Mercy

Bridges the gap
between
man and God.

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 - **Emotionally**
 - **Mentally**
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At First Satan is Our Tempter...

...Then He Becomes Our Accuser

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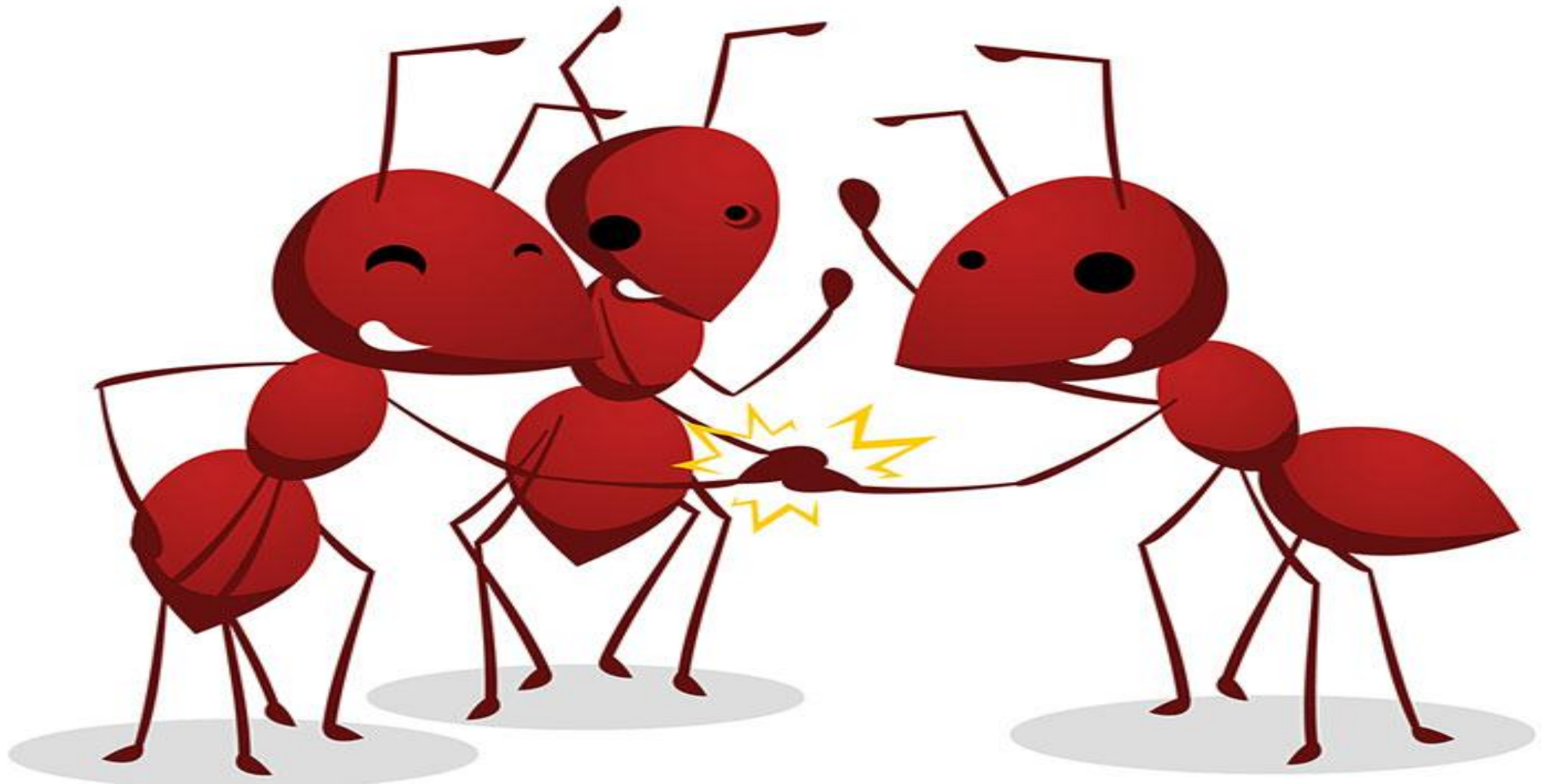


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- **Something Everyone Does, But Happens More In People Suffering From Anxiety, Depression**

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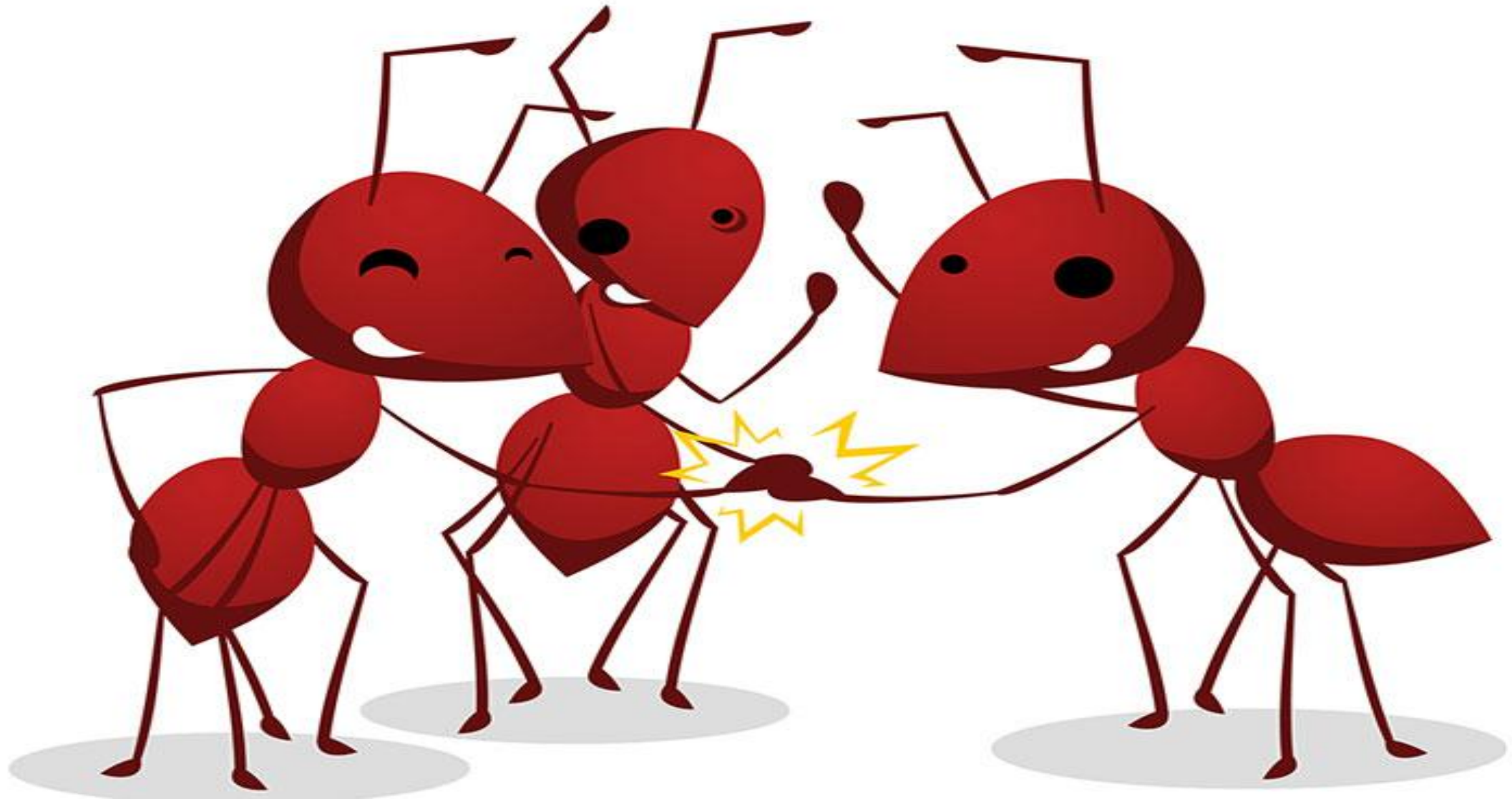
Truth

ALL CHARGES ARE DROPPED

Romans 8:33-34

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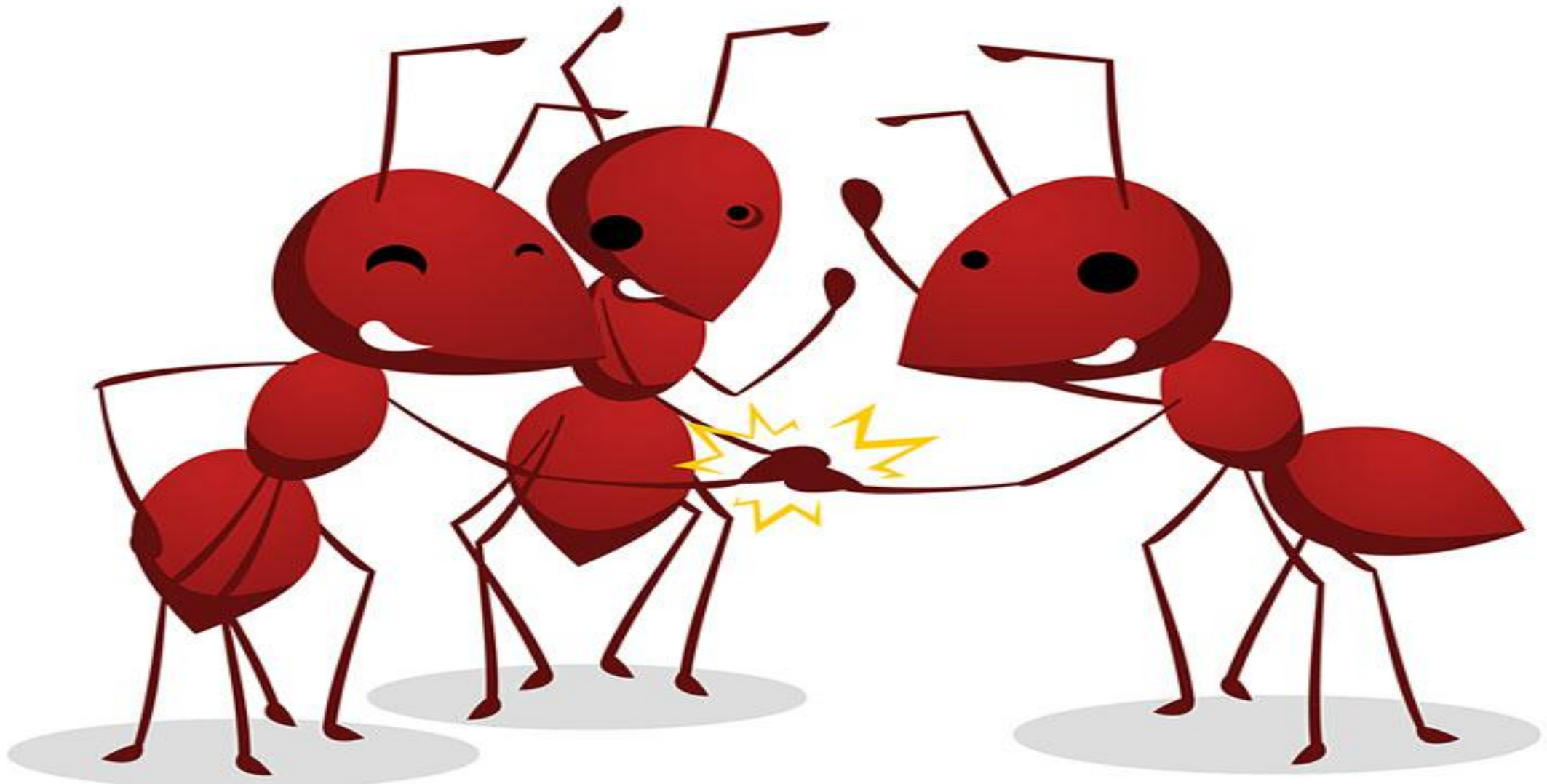
No CONDEMNATION upon us – Rom 8:34

Jesus Wiped the Slate Clean! We Are Free!

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**God Promises Us that He Takes the Good / Bad / Ugly/
Takes It All and Brings Something For Us and Too Us**

Romans 8:28

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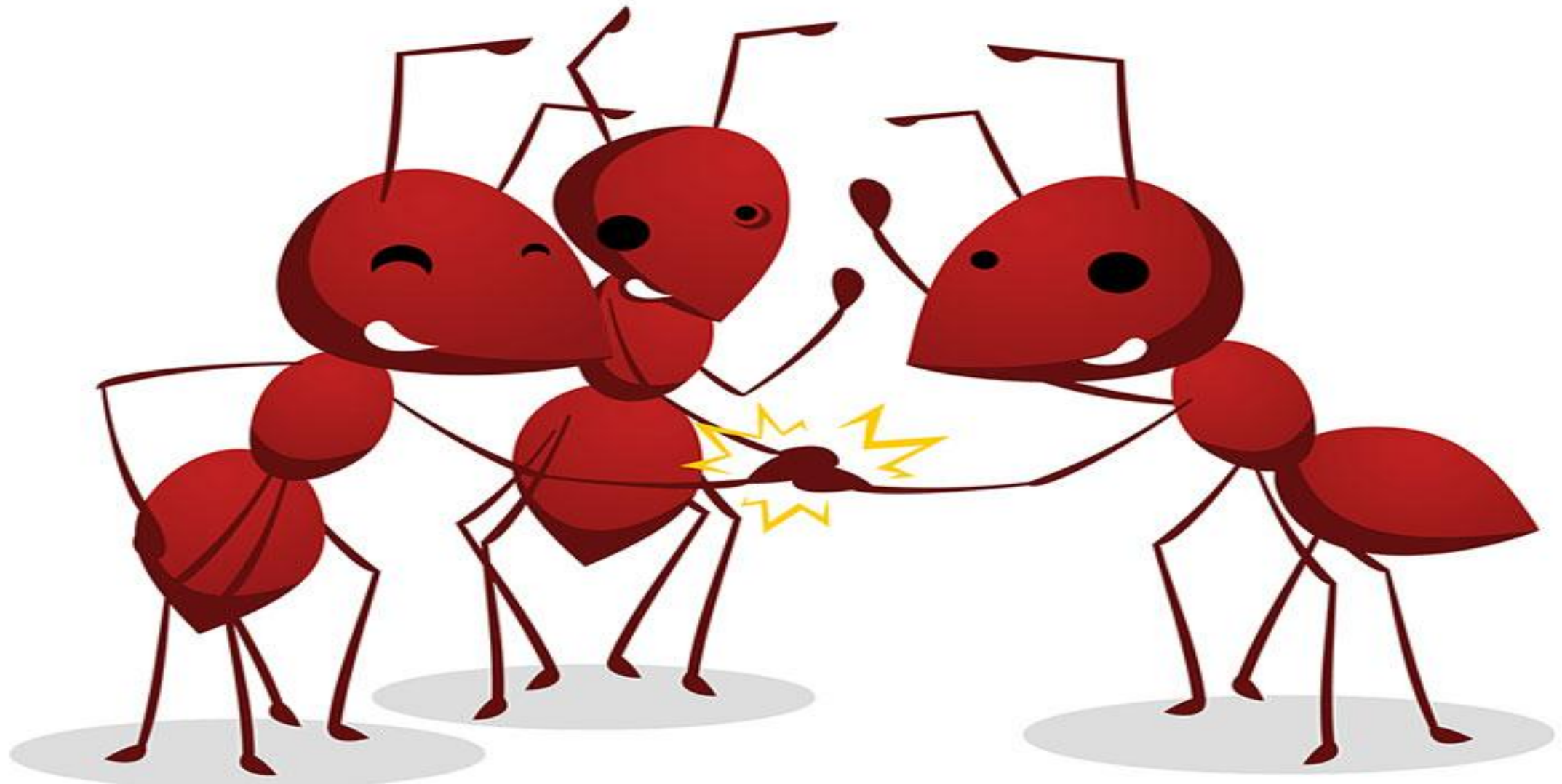
New Living Translation

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Amplified Bible

And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan *and* purpose.

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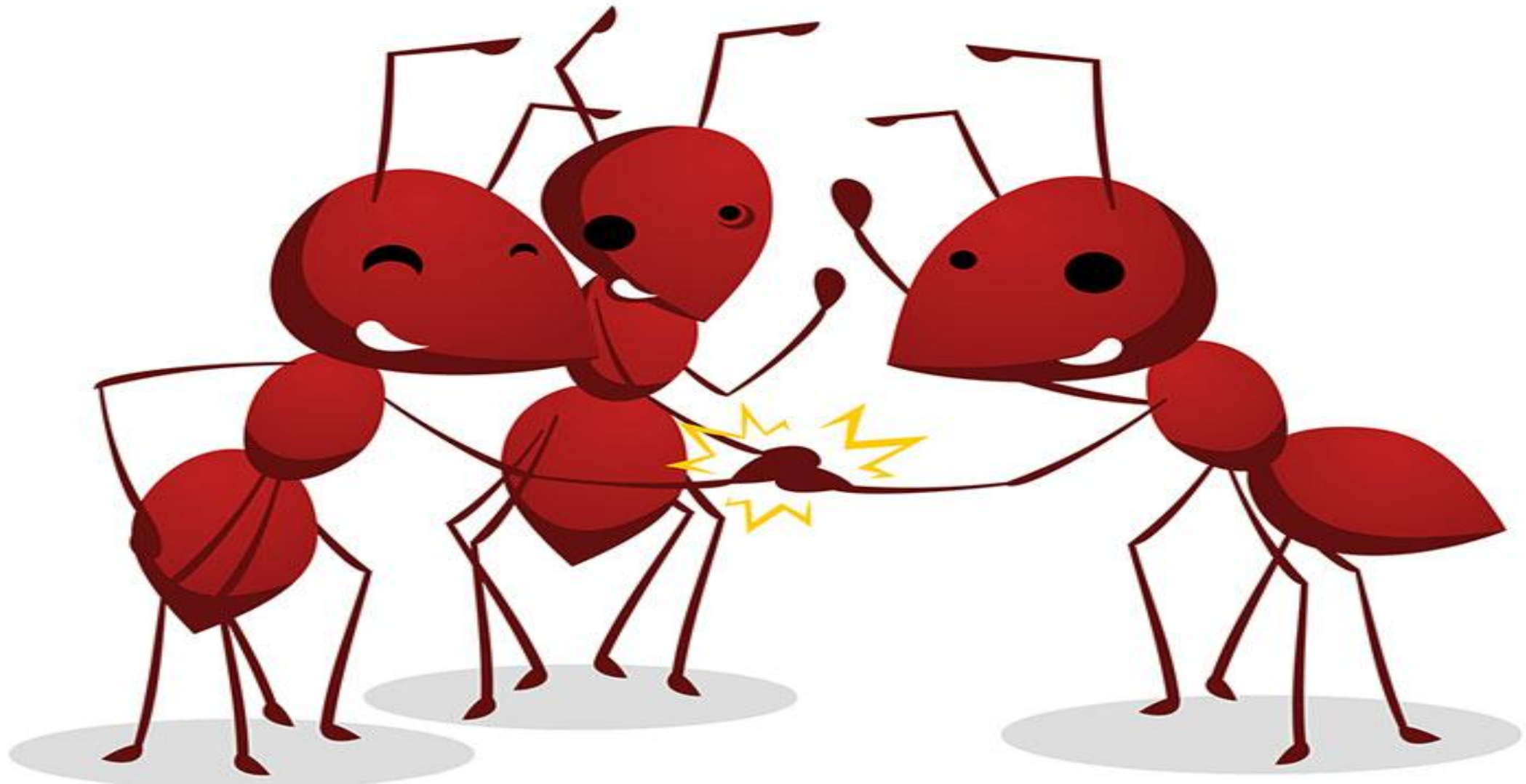
**God Has More than Showed Us the Lengths He Went to
In Order to Take Care of Our NEEDS - Romans 8:32**

- **KJV**

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

- **32** If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?
–Message

This Trial IS Going to Get the Best of You!



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No TRIAL Can overcome us – Jesus IS Fighting for US
Romans 8:37

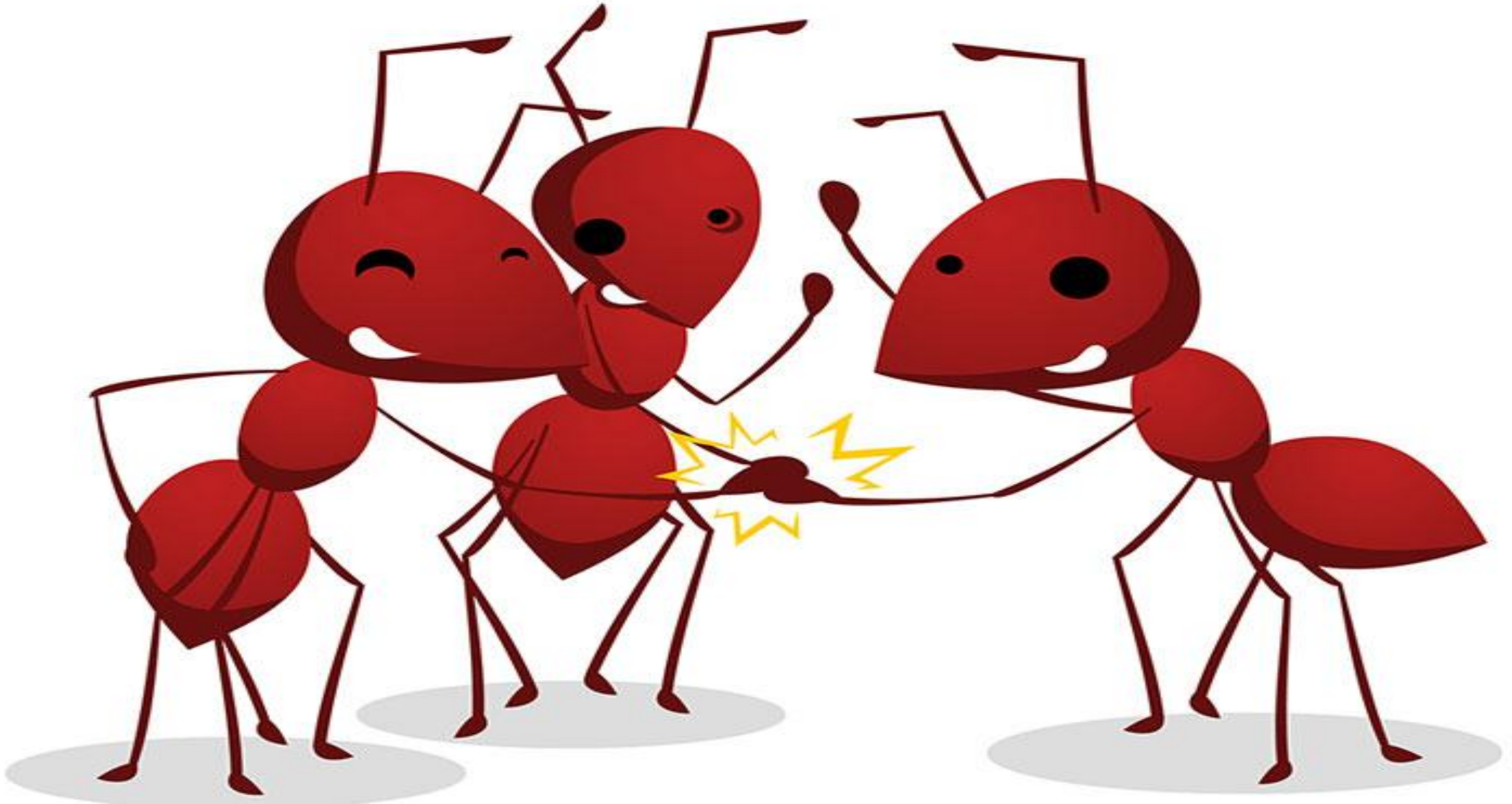
- **King James Bible**

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

- **37** No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. **NLT**

- **AMP** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].

You Have Gone Too Far –God Doesn't Love You



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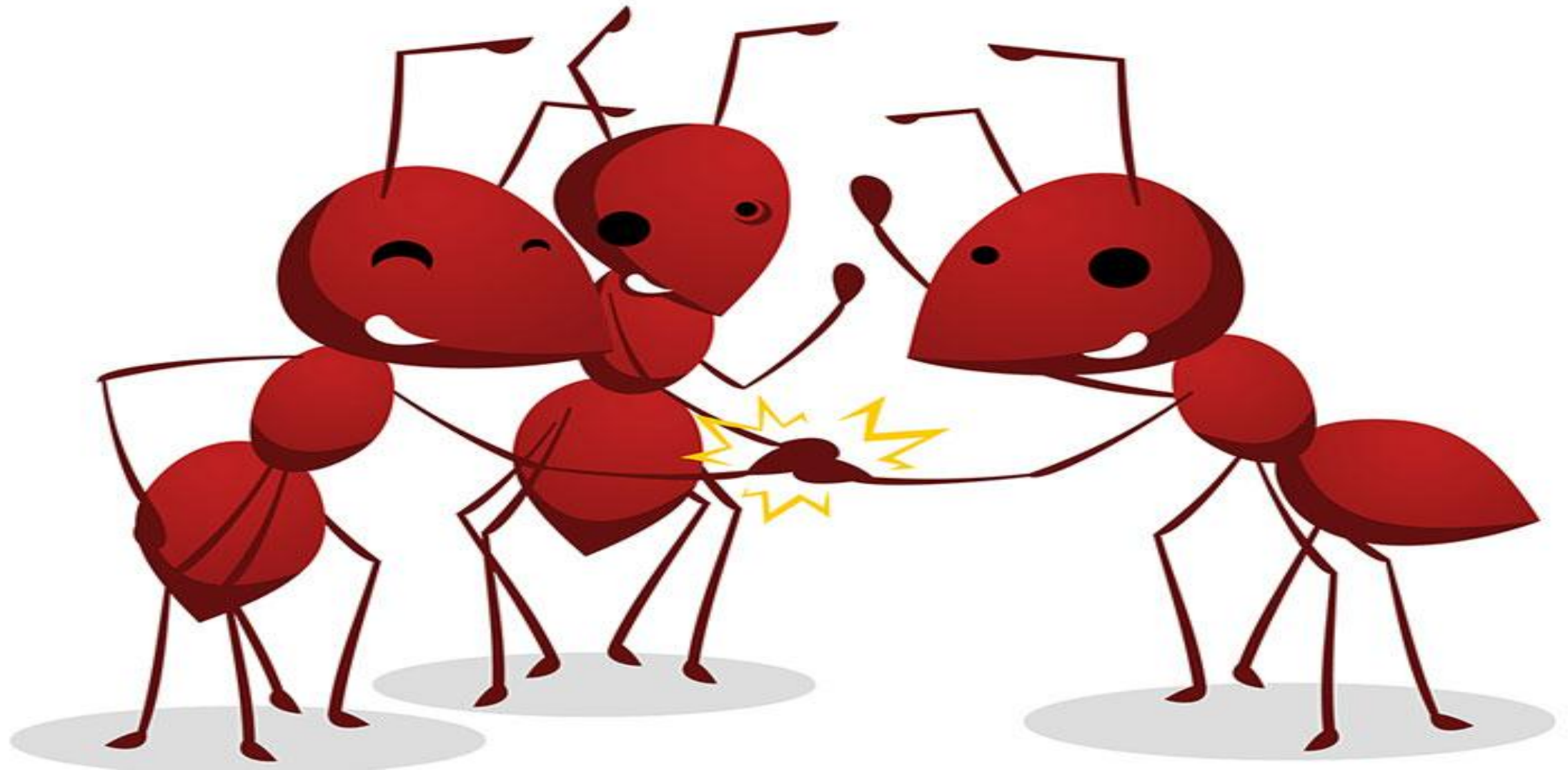
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- **Remove “Should” Thoughts**
- **Recognize Automatic Negative Thinking**
- **Putting Your Thoughts On Trial**
- **Acknowledge How Overwhelmed You Feel**
- **Don’t Force Positive Thoughts**
 - **But Instead Embrace Them**
- **Watch Your ANTS Lose Power !**



