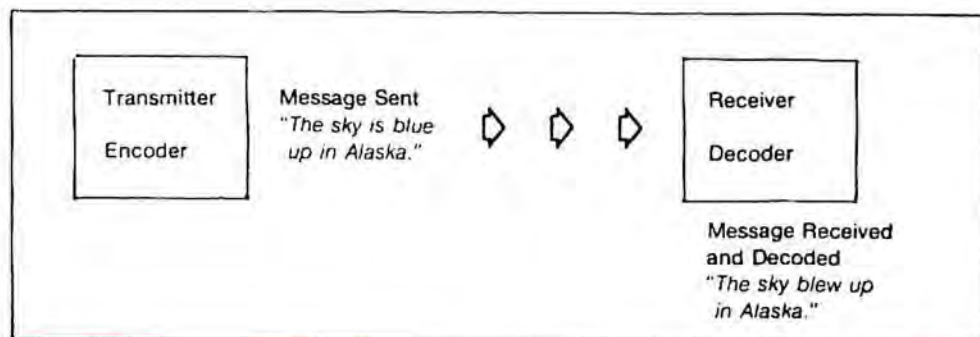


What would have been the result if he had called them out to stand before him and told them that there were some others that wanted the eastern lands and that he was sorry that he had to disappoint them? The results can be imagined. Yet, this kind of thing is sometimes done by Christian leaders. At times, team leaders do this with members of their staff. Duties are given, promises are made, and then there is a breakdown in communication. Accountability, commendation, and follow-through go out the window. The team member who bears the brunt of this poor handling of the situation is disappointed and many times angry.

In verses 10-12 of Joshua 22, the occasion for misunderstanding is described:

When they came to Gelliloth near the Jordan in the land of Canaan, the Reubinites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an imposing altar there by the Jordan. And when the Israelites heard that they had built the altar on the border of Canaan at Gelliloth near the Jordan on the Israelite side, the whole assembly of Israel gathered at Shiloh to go to war against them.

Misunderstanding results when a message communicated is misinterpreted.



In the process of decoding the real meaning is lost. The reaction to the improperly decoded message will certainly be different from that intended by the sender.