

WORD

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: ¹⁰If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! . . .
¹²Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. ECCLESIASTES 4:9,10,12

WHAT

God made people as social beings. He designed us with the need to relate with others. Though God created Eve because Adam needed a wife, the point still stands that relationships, in a more general sense, are important to us. Thus, we start by talking about the importance of friendship. What does friendship bring us?

1 Synergy

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work . . . ECCLESIASTES 4:9

Friendship enables us to accomplish much. What we can fulfill alone can be multiplied greatly when there is a friend to help us do the task. Who among your friends are easy to work with? What do you appreciate most about working with friends?

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2 Support

If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! ECCLESIASTES 4:10

Support here means comfort or assistance. Times when we fall, lose, or experience setbacks are a given—these things happen! However, it is going to be a big advantage when we have friends who will support and help us to get up again. How is this true in your own life?

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3 Strength

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. ECCLESIASTES 4:12

In addition to a helping hand in times of need, friends can also help us keep standing. Again, we can expect that storms in life will come. But having friends during trying times is different compared to just being alone. How have you become a friend to someone facing hard times? How did you help that person?

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