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Love, Relationships & the Church

Part Two - Love Your Friend

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Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 (CEV)

7 *Once again I saw that nothing on earth makes sense.*

8 *For example, some people don't have friends or family. But they are never satisfied with what they own, and they never stop working to get more. They should ask themselves, "Why am I always working to have more? Who will get what I leave behind?" What a senseless and miserable life!* 9 *You are better off to have a friend than to be all alone, because then you will get more enjoyment out of what you earn.* 10 *If you fall, your friend can help you up. But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble.* 11 *If you sleep alone, you won't have anyone to keep you warm on a cold night.* 12 *Someone might be able to beat up one of you, but not both of you. As the saying goes, "A rope made from three strands of cord is hard to break."*

Ecclesiastes 4:7-8a (CEV)

7 *Once again I saw that nothing on earth makes sense.*

8 *For example, some people don't have friends or family...*

WHY TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE

1. _____

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (CEV)

9 *You are better off to have a friend than to be all alone, because then you will get more enjoyment out of what you earn.*

2. _____

Ecclesiastes 4:10 (CEV)

10 *If you fall, your friend can help you up. But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble.*
if they fall, one will lift up his companion.

Galatians 6:1-2 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. 2 *Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.*

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Ecclesiastes 4:11 (CEV)

11 *If you sleep alone, you won't have anyone to keep you warm on a cold night.*

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

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Ecclesiastes 4:12 (CEV)

12 Someone might be able to beat up one of you, but not both of you. As the saying goes, "A rope made from three strands of cord is hard to break."

2 Samuel 21:15-17 (NKJV) 15 When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint. 16 Then Ishbi-Benob, who was one of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear was three hundred shekels, who was bearing a new sword, thought he could kill David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall go out no more with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."

Answers:

1. WORKING
2. WALKING
3. WARMTH
4. WARFARE