

# It Takes Two | Job and Friends: Frenemies

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When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathise with him and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was. Job 2:11-13 NIV

Eliphaz to Job: "Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty." Job 5:17 NIV

Bildad to Job: "How long will you say such things? Your words are a blustering wind." Job 8:2 NIV

Zophar to Job: "Yet if you devote your heart to Him and stretch out your hands to Him... then, free of fault, you will lift up your face; you will stand firm and without fear." Job 11:13-15 NIV

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

Of the four building blocks of good friendship, which can you focus on to grow in? Constancy? Carefulness? Candour? Counsel?