

# BETTER TOGETHER



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over

**Key Scripture-**  
Ecclesiastes 4.9-12

*Takeaway -*

*Every relationship ends up somewhere, but few relationships end up somewhere on purpose.*

**GROW-**

Proverbs 29.18 // Galatians 5.13-15 // Colossians 3.13 // 1 Corinthians 15.33

**LIVE-**

***Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:***

***If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.***

***But pity anyone who fall and has no one to help them up.***

***Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.***

***But how can one keep warm alone?***

***Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.***

***A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.***

Solomon was a man who had everything; all the wealth, power, success, resources, and all the relationships a person could possibly use, and his conclusion in all of it was, "everything is meaningless" (1.1-2). A sobering and somewhat difficult thing to process. Though he is often pessimistic in his writing, he also offers us bits of optimism. While the pursuit of treasures and worldly pleasures are seen as futile, the companionship of a friend is regarded as fulfilling. We are better when we have friends to help us along the way. We are better when there are people in our lives who can assist us as we navigate the challenges and chaos of life. We are better when there is someone who can lift us when we have fallen. We are better together.

**LOOK-**

What friendships are you possibly missing because you are afraid of being hurt?

Is there a relationship that is in need of restoration? What are you waiting for?

Is there a relationship that needs to be broken? What is keeping you from doing it?

**LOVE-**

Jesus *initiated* the relationship with us. He chose us, set us apart, He holds and *nurtures* our relationship; even when we lack the faith to see His goodness. Through the Cross He *restored* our relationship to the Father, and when He conquered death He *severed* our relationship with sin. And what Jesus has done for us, He has empowered and transformed us so that He can use us to reach others. Our job is to trust the process He put into place, apply it to our lives, and repeat it when necessary. Jesus has given us the gift of each other because He knows we are better together.