

BETTER TOGETHER



Key Scripture-

Ecclesiastes 4.9-12

Takeaway -

WE > ME, because WE are BETTER TOGETHER.

GROW-

Romans 12.9-21

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 falls

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.

Life can be cruel. At times it can feel meaningless, empty, hopeless, and cold. It can beat us black and blue, steal our joy, even take the breath from our lungs. Life is not easy. And a lie the enemy convinces us all to believe is that life must be done alone. But God...

He designed us to do life together. The author of Ecclesiastes urges us to fear God, enjoy life, live humbly and be grateful for the simple things we have. He reminds us this life is better when it is lived together. *Two are better than one...* because we all fall... we all get knocked down... and we all the need help of another from time to time.

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LOOK-

How has Jesus called you to serve? Who has He called you into community with?

What has He given you to give? And where has He called you to gather?

LOVE-

Jesus created us to serve each other. To live in community with each other. To give to each other from what we have been given. And to gather together to lift up His Name and tell the world what He has done. Which means serving, living in community, giving, and gathering are not sanitized obligations we perform to get right with God. They are sacred opportunities to praise Him because the Cross has already made us right with God.