

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Matthew 7.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 "Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." (NLT)

This was part of the passage we studied last night as we looked at the profitability of being in communion with others.

1. Productivity. Two can get more done than one. Moses said in Num. 11:14 "I can't carry all these people by myself! The load is far too heavy!"

2. Care. Others can bring care, comfort, and even resources to our lives. Prov. 17:17 "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need."

3. Friendship or Companionship. This could include physical warmth or emotional and spiritual comfort. Col. 3:14 "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony."

4. Strength or Protection. There is always strength in numbers. Psalm 82:4 "Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people."

God said man was not made to be alone but to live in fellowship with others. Community is important for many reasons, and to live in isolation is not the way God has designed us. Isolation comes from many different means, don't let loneliness drive your life, reach out for fellowship with God and fellow believers. Find strength at church, and/or be the strength and comfort someone might be looking for.

Happy Friday, I hope you are in church this Sunday.