

9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 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.

These verses remind us of the importance of godly friendships and how we can support one another when we fall and experience challenges. Verses 9–10 explain that “two are better than one” because they can help and strengthen each other. Verse 12 shares that three are even stronger. There is strength in numbers; having a few solid, godly friendships provides a stronger bond of people we can turn to during times of challenge and celebration.

Do you have a personal community around you? If not, I encourage you to take a step toward building one. A Christ-centered community is a beautiful expression of the body of Christ, where we encourage, support, and walk alongside one another through every season of life.

Christian community and friendship reflect the heart of the gospel showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Recommendations to build community with Godly friendships is to show up consistently, join a small group or Bible study, be open and approachable, and take initiative.

Friendships look different depending on the season you are in. Consider reaching out to others in similar seasons for commonality or those further along for wisdom. Meaningful community reflects unity above all else and can be quite beautiful expressed in a variety of ways!

Dear God, our hearts are filled with gratitude as we think of the special friends You have placed in our lives. Help us to cherish those friendships and, in turn, to be the faithful and loving friend that others need. May we reflect Your love through the way we encourage, support, and care for one another. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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