

Series: DNA

Passage: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 & 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

Sunday: September 29, 2024

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (ESV)

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 (ESV)

⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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1. Other than the examples demonstrating how two are better than one in the verses above, what life situations can you think of that defines how two are better than one?

 2. What are ways we can comfort one another against the bitterness and the heaviness of trials?

 3. Before reading verse 12, take account that prevail is to be victorious and to withstand is to be undamaged or unaffected. Knowing this, how is a team of two *(withstands) better than a team of one person (prevails)?

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4. I would encourage you to do some research on the difference between the words prevail and withstand. How is the word withstand overpower the word prevail?
5. What is a threefold cord? Why would it not be quickly broken?
6. What did Paul mean when he said, "our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him"?
7. What are some encouraging things we could say to one another to build each other up?