The Blessing of Walking Together

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INTRODUCTION

- One of the greatest blessings God has bestowed upon his people is his people.
- The people of God are blessings to one another, and I believe that. We are given traveling companions. Others are on the journey with us.

1 Two Are Better Than One

Ecclesiastes 4:7–9; John 15:13–15; Luke 18:29–30

- There is one alone, without companion. He has neither son nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labors, nor is his eye satisfied with riches.
- God's solution comes to this man's aid. And God's solution? Two are better than one.
- God is going to provide community. God is going to provide relationship.
- We who have been all alone, we who realize that we have a deep need under the sun. This need is fulfilled by God in his church.
- There are no lone wolves in Jesus' flock.

2 The Potential of Shared Labors

Ecclesiastes 4:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

- Two are better than one. Why? Because they have a good reward for their labor.
- Our labors can be large, and our labors can be difficult in the Lord. And who will encourage us? And the answer is the church.
- Therefore, encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. So we accomplish more together.
- When we encourage one another, we have tremendous potential in our shared labors.
- Everybody was just doing their parts. And God blessed it.

3 The Protection From a Fall

Ecclesiastes 4:10; Acts 12:4–5; Acts 11:29–30

- For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.
- Who is there to pick us up? Who is there to help? And it is the church.
- Prayer is not plan B. Prayer is the plan for the people of God.
- Nobody saw that tornado coming. But the brethren were there for quick and important relief.

4 The Promise of Warmth

Ecclesiastes 4:11; 1 Peter 4:9; Hebrews 10:24–25

- If two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one be warm alone?
- The church is a place of warmth, a community of love and warmth.
- Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.
- Spiritually cool hearts need what? Need assembly. We need to come together.
- There is so much more to our assembling together than just downloading content.

5 The Power of Unity

Ecclesiastes 4:12; 1 Peter 5:8–9; John 13:34–35

- Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
- Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- A cord is woven together. There is great strength in unity.
- We are united to evangelize the lost.
- There is a testimony to the world when the church is as it should be and united.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you a part of his church? Are you one of these friends? Are you a brother or a sister in Christ?**

MY NOTES