

"Hunger for Relationship" *by Rev. John C. Tittle*

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 4: 7-12 NLT

⁷ I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. ⁸ This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, "Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?" It is all so meaningless and depressing. 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.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are your thoughts about this passage?
2. How much of your day do you think of yourself?
3. How does your faith impact the way you treat those closest to you?
4. How much does it shape your attitude towards those you struggle with?
5. Who are "the we's" that might be good to think about more?
6. What do you need to work at less?
7. What people do you need to invest in more?