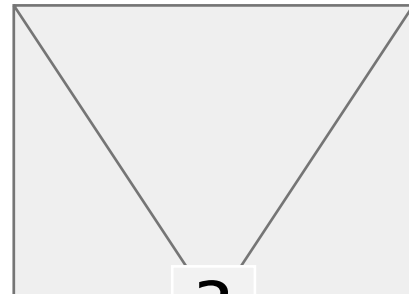


Stronger Together

Hanging off the side of a mountain supported by a thin rope knowing that it is the only thing keeping you from plummeting to your death, is exhilarating to some and is terrifying to others. If you are perfectly grounded at the top of the mountain, why would you desire to go over the edge where footing is unsure? The same is true in life, we can be standing solid at the top and without warning you're losing ground. Before you know it, you're hanging on for your dear life. Dangling in danger, your support system could be life changing. If you rely on the strength of the cord you're holding, it could become weak and tired from the stress of supporting you through so many of life's ups and downs. You may find a mate, friendship or family to intertwine with. And, they will offer you stronger support by holding you up where you have become weak. These cords are great to help to lift you up when you are down. The cords have nothing to bind to. If two become twisted together all it takes is for one to let loose, the tension gives way, and each cord is left alone. If you desire security and a way to get yourself up when you're down, your support should be strengthened by a fiber that is indestructible; never changing and one that doesn't get weak. "Two are better than one a cord of three strands is not easily broken." Where can such a fiber be found? It can be found in Jesus. Bind yourself, your friendships and family together with him. In doing so, they will become woven together and strong. When you start to free fall over the edge you will only feel momentary terror, because the strength of your support system will lift you up to firm ground.



Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil,

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Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

