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Message: My Brother's Keeper

Introduction

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12 (NLT)

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.

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.

We Are Better Together

Genesis 4:9 (NIV)

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The Hebrew word for "keeper" is "shamar" and it means to keep, to watch, to preserve.

That's the accountability God held Cain to... it's what God expected Cain to do for his brother.

Hebrews 2:1 (NIV)

We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

- God does not want us to DRIFT away

Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- God knows you will be TEMPTED

Hebrews 3:12-14 (NIV)

12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

14 We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end...

- God knows you are tempted by SIN

He starts off this passage by saying "see to it brothers" – it's a command... it's instruction... it's expected.

Another way to say it is simple, "Keep each other, watch over each other, preserve each other, because two are stronger than one – and when you bring God into the mix, three are stronger than two!"

In this passage he says – encourage each other daily – and hold firmly until the end!

*It's a daily walk with someone... it's a hold firm type of relationship... it's being transparent and honest and real!
It's loving each other in spite of thoughts, faults, and failures. It's a hand in hand kind of journey – and it's uncomfortable, it's sometimes not pretty, but it's always worth it!*

—Pastor Chad

Purpose of Being Your Brother's Keeper

The purpose is to be more like Jesus and less like you!

Here's some advice for being your brother's keeper:

- Spiritually, pray for others, support and encourage them
 - When they've fallen, help bring restoration in a gentle and respectful way
- Physically, meet the needs of others
 - Do it without being asked

We can't just say we want to be more like Jesus, we have to actually live more like Jesus! It's being His hands and

feet to the church where you're planted. It's being His hands and feet to the community you live in. To your family, your coworkers, your friends, even your enemies. It's living out your faith together. Are you ready to be your brother's keeper?

—Pastor Chad