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Discovering Life in the Land of Death

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⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For 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! ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.



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¹³ Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice. ¹⁴ For he went from prison to the throne, though in his own kingdom he had been born poor. ¹⁵ I saw all the living who move about under the sun, along with that youth who was to stand in the king's place. ¹⁶ There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

The vanity of life alone vs.7 - 8



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Ecclesiastes 4:6



“Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.”



“There are two ways to get enough...
one is to accumulate more and more
and the other is to desire less.”

G. K. Chesterton

The value of life together vs.9 - 12



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Genesis 2:18



“It is not good that the man should be alone”



Proverbs 24:16



For the righteous falls seven times and rises again.



1 Corinthians 12:14



The body does not consist of one member but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:21



The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,”
nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”



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1 Corinthians 15:58



Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.