



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Moving from Me to We**
Series: **Chasing the Wind**
Text: **Ecclesiastes 4**
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Big Idea: Life alone under the sun is exhausting and empty; life together is God's design for strength, warmth, and meaning.

FOUR SNAPSHOTS OF LIFE

1. THE _____. _____ THE TEARS!

*Again I looked and saw all the **oppression** that was taking place under the sun: **I saw the tears** of the **oppressed**—and they have **no comforter**; power was on the side of their **oppressors**— and they have **no comforter**. (Ec. 4:1)*

_____ is the accumulation without regard to the nature, needs, and rights of people. It's treating human beings as objects that profit can be squeezed out.

"He who **oppresses the poor shows** contempt for their Maker" (Prov. 14:31).

*And I declared that the dead, who had already died, are **happier than the living**, who are still alive. But better than both is he **who has not yet been**, who has not seen the evil. that is done under the sun. (Ec. 4:2-3)*

YOU CANNOT _____ WHAT YOU DO NOT SEE!

God "comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble" (2 Cor. 1:4).

2. THE _____. _____ YOUR GRIP!

*And I saw that **all labor** and **all achievement** spring from man's **envy of his neighbor**. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. (Ec. 4:4)*

ENVY TURNS THE NEIGHBOR FROM SOMEONE TO _____ INTO SOMEONE TO BEAT.

The fool folds his hands and ruins himself. (Ec. 4:5)

*Better **one handful with tranquillity** than **two handfuls with toil** and chasing after the wind. (Ec. 4:6)*

3. THE _____. FROM ME TO WE

Again I saw something meaningless under the sun:

*There was **a man all alone**; he had neither son nor brother. There was **no end to his toil**, yet his eyes **were not content with his wealth**. “For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?” This too is meaningless—a miserable business! (Ec. 4:7-8)*

NOW THE KEY VERSE! THIS IS THE MOVE FROM ME TO WE!

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

10 If one falls down, his **friend can help him up**. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

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

12 Though one may be overpowered, **two can defend themselves**. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. (Ec. 4:9-12)

- TOGETHER WE _____.
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“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another” (Heb. 10:25).

WHAT DOES MOVING FROM ME TO WE LOOK LIKE?

- a. YOU _____ A SMALL GROUP
- b. YOU _____ SOMEONE THE TRUTH WHEN THEY ASK “HOW ARE YOU?”
- c. YOU _____ AT THE HOSPITAL, THE VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT, ETC
- d. YOU _____ YOUR TABLE, MONEY, TIME. ETC.

4. THE _____. ANCHOR YOURSELF BEYOND THE CROWD.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT - READ (Ec. 4:13-16). Discover the PIONT!