

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

When plagued with doubt, we find meaning in Christ

1) Corruption of the World Observed

- Ecc 4:1-3 - Prevalence
 - Evil comes with power
 - Eph 6:12 - our fight is not against flesh and blood, but power of the heavenly places
 - Satan is the prince of this will - 2 Cor 4:4/John 12:31 & 16:11/Eph 2:2
- Ecc 4:4 - Corruption
- Ecc 4:5-6 - Destruction
- Ecc 4:7-8 - Fruitlessness

2) God's Provisional Design of Living in Community

- Ecc 4:9 - Design
- Ecc 4:10 - Benefits/Satisfaction
 - Eph 4:2/Gal 6:2/Col 3:13 - Bear each other's burdens
- Ecc 4:11 - Effectiveness
 - Hebrews 10:23-25 - Do not give up meeting together
- Ecc 4:12 - Protection
 - In the context of Marriage - cord of 3 strands = Christ, Husband, Wife
 - A marriage bonded in Christ offers greater Rewards

3) Wisdom in Godly Living

- Ecc 4:13-15 - Live in Wisdom not Foolishness
 - 2 Tim 2:2 - FATS Christians
 - F - Faithful
 - A - Available
 - T - Teachable
 - S - Spiritual

Walking in the Way of Wisdom

1. Acknowledge what the way of the world is
 - a. They are not the enemy, They are the Mission Field
2. We live in Community (2 are better than 1)
 - a. FATS Christian Believers in community