



Relationships We Can't Thrive Without

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Our Creator created us for RELATIONSHIPS.

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.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

Mark 2:1-2

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.

Mark 2:3

You don't build true friendship *in* chaos. You build true friendship *for* chaos.

Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

Mark 2:4

No one becomes God's best version of themselves, by themselves.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:5

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Mark 2:6-7

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?'"

Mark 2:8-9

"But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Mark 2:10-11

He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Mark 2:12

Invite someone to a conversation.

Invite someone to come alongside you.

Invite someone to call you up and call you out.

The Risk to Build Relationships is Worth the Reward.