

WE SERVE BETTER TOGETHER

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, the wisest man who ever lived tells us from experience that worldly possessions, desires, and passions are meaningless. He discovers that apart from God, nothing has purpose or longevity. Yet, in Ecclesiastes 4 Solomon expresses the benefits of working with other people. This comes as no surprise to educators. Trying to meet the vast needs of students today takes a community. Unfortunately, we often find ourselves on islands trying to go it alone. Let's see what God's Word has to say about serving together.

Read [Ecclesiastes 4:9 ASV](#).

Why does Solomon say two are better than one?

In Hebrew the word "reward" means payment or wages, and the word "labor" means trouble, toil, or labor. Being an educator is hard work. Share a time you accomplished a task with others that you could not have done on your own. How did that make you feel?

Read [Ecclesiastes 4:10-12 NLT](#).

Solomon gives three reasons why we are better together. Which one resonates most with you? Why?

We need Christian friends for emotional, practical, and spiritual support through life's hardships. If we nurture relationships with other believers, we will always have someone to help us stay on track and to lift us back up when we fall. God's people are not meant to live in isolation but to walk this road together. We serve better together.

Read [Romans 12:4-8 NLT](#).

How does Paul describe the body of Christ?

Paul said, "We all belong to each other." What does he mean by that?

We need each other to serve effectively. No one possesses all the talents or gifts; God designed us that way intentionally. We serve better together. God wants to use you in ways you've never expected. You may say, "What do I have to offer?" The truth is, you have something valuable, but it may not be enough on your own. That's why you need other believers in your life. God wired us so that we feel most alive when we're part of a community accomplishing something together for His Kingdom. Remember the disciples? They never served alone. Who do you need to partner with today?

Dear Lord, thank You for the gift of other believers. Remind us that because of Your grace, we have been gifted to do great things for Your Kingdom. Help us to connect with other Christians, to exercise our own gifts, and to ignite the gifts in others. In the precious name of Jesus, amen.