

Ecclesiastes

Guard against Isolated Power

Verses 13-16

Finding Joy in Friendships

ECCLESIASTES 4:7-16

Overview

Isolation is dangerous for everyone and no less for Christians. Therefore, the Preacher painted a vision celebrating the benefits of relationships and community. God never designed his people to walk with him alone but together. We need one another and life is better with others.

Notes

Guard against Isolated Success

Verses 7-8

Pursue the Benefits of Relationships

Verses 9-12

Personal Application

How can you alleviate relational poverty?

Reflection Questions

1. What do you observe about the dangers of isolation compared with the benefits of relationships?
2. What are some examples in the Bible where two (or more) proved to be better than one?
3. What negative impact does relational poverty have on the Christian life? How has your Christian experience improved with other Christians in your life?
4. How would you assess relational poverty or relational health in your life? What is one step you could take to alleviate relational poverty for you or someone else in the weeks ahead?
5. How does the idea of Jesus as friend impact your day to day experiences (John 15.12-15)? How can you be more mindful of this gospel truth?