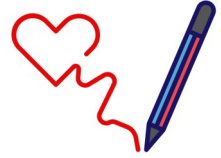


FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Two Are Better Than One

I hardly notice how quickly time passes us by. When I do pause and look back, I realise that the year is almost half gone. Day after day, we all get caught up with work, family, ministry, and learning. Very often, we find ourselves barely have time to pause for self-reflection or pay attention to the people around us. But do you realise that in the many seasons of our life, we have never actually walked alone? There would always be people whom God placed at different stages of life to walk the journey with us. Perhaps when you were exhausted, someone showed you care; when you were feeling down, someone was willing to lend a listening ear; when you faced difficulties, someone quietly gave you a helping hand. Very often, what truly gives us strength is not merely advice or answers, but having someone willing to stay by our side and journey with us.

Ecclesiastes 4: 9–10 says, **“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow...”** The verses do not say that we will never stumble in life, nor that we will never grow weary. Instead, they tell us that in toil and hardship, two walking together is better than one walking alone.

In the month of June, we have Family Day and Youth Camp. They may seem like very different events, but both remind us of something important: our growth never happen alone. Family is not just a place where people live together; it is also where people journey through life together. When we are used to being busy, we easily overlook what our loved ones

truly need — not just provision or a plan, but time, presence and companionship. A simple meal together, a genuine conversation, or even a brief pause to be present, can become the strength that keeps each other going.

For the younger generation, what they need is not merely activities or programmes. They need people who are willing to understand them, listen to them, and be there with them when they are lost, confused and struggling in their growing up. Hence, a caring adult who walks alongside them or a welcoming church, can become vital support and source of encouragement in their lives.

In many ways, the church itself is also a community that journeys together. When one is weak, there is someone to help. When one is weary, there is someone willing to accompany them. This is exactly what Ecclesiastes reminds us about: two are better than one.

In today's world, many people have become used to bearing everything alone, and as a result, they can feel lonely even in a crowd. But God never intended for us to walk alone. Instead, He reminds us to cherish those who have accompanied us in life's journey, and in turn, learn to become someone who is willing to walk alongside and support others too. Because in life, what matters most is not who moves the fastest or achieves the most, but having people who are willing to journey together with us. That is precisely why "two are better than one".

Pastor May Yee

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