

I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. 8 This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, “Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?” It is all so meaningless and depressing.

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 NLT

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WHEN WE INVEST IN HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WE GAIN MORE THAN WE GIVE.

1. THE TERM “FRIEND” IS EVOLVING.

2. WE ARE BECOMING ADDICTED TO IMMEDIATE AFFIRMATION.

WE ARE LIVING FOR LIKES, BUT WE ARE LONGING FOR LOVE.

3. WE HAVE THE POWER TO DO FRIENDSHIP ON OUR OWN TERMS.

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THE MORE WE USE SOCIAL MEDIA, THE MORE WE CRAVE PERSONAL INTERACTION.

“24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...” Hebrews 10:24-25

THERE IS POWER IN PRESENCE.

1. I WILL BE PRESENT WITH PEOPLE.

“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.” Romans 12:9

SOMETIMES GOD DOESN’T CALM THE STORM, HE GUIDES YOU THROUGH THE STORM.

2. I WILL ENGANGE WITH PEOPLE.

“Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8

“Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.” 1 John 3:18

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:34-35
