

Ecclesiastes 4:12. "And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not easily broken."

The last phrase in this verse reminds us of the strength that we find in relationships. Share a time when you went to battle with close friends and the end that resulted.

Read Nehemiah 4:1-21

Share the phrases from this passage that motivate and encourage you when it comes to facing battles with close friends.

Discuss the ways that we can lift up our friends in the midst of battle, as we see happen in this passage.

Find and share other passages in the Bible that talk about the benefit of friends coming to our aid in times of trouble.

One more thing.....

After Mike lost his job unexpectedly, his LifeGroup rallied around him and his wife. They prayed together, offered encouragement, and even connected him to new opportunities. Mike later shared, *"Our group reminded us that we're never alone — God uses His people to lift each other up."*

From this story, discuss the wisdom of God that we see evidently displayed in the relationships that we form with close friends.

Can you relate to this story? Share an instance where you needed this kind of help and found it in community or were able to give this type of help to someone in need.

Additional Notes:

Prayer Requests: