



# Better than one



Culture wants to deceive us, making us believe that we can do everything on our own...

But God's will is for us to live **in community!**

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<sup>11</sup> Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be



warm alone? <sup>12</sup> 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

Christianity is lived out in community.

“ All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to **fellowship**, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. ”

→ Acts 2:42 NLT



## WHY ARE TWO BETTER THAN ONE?

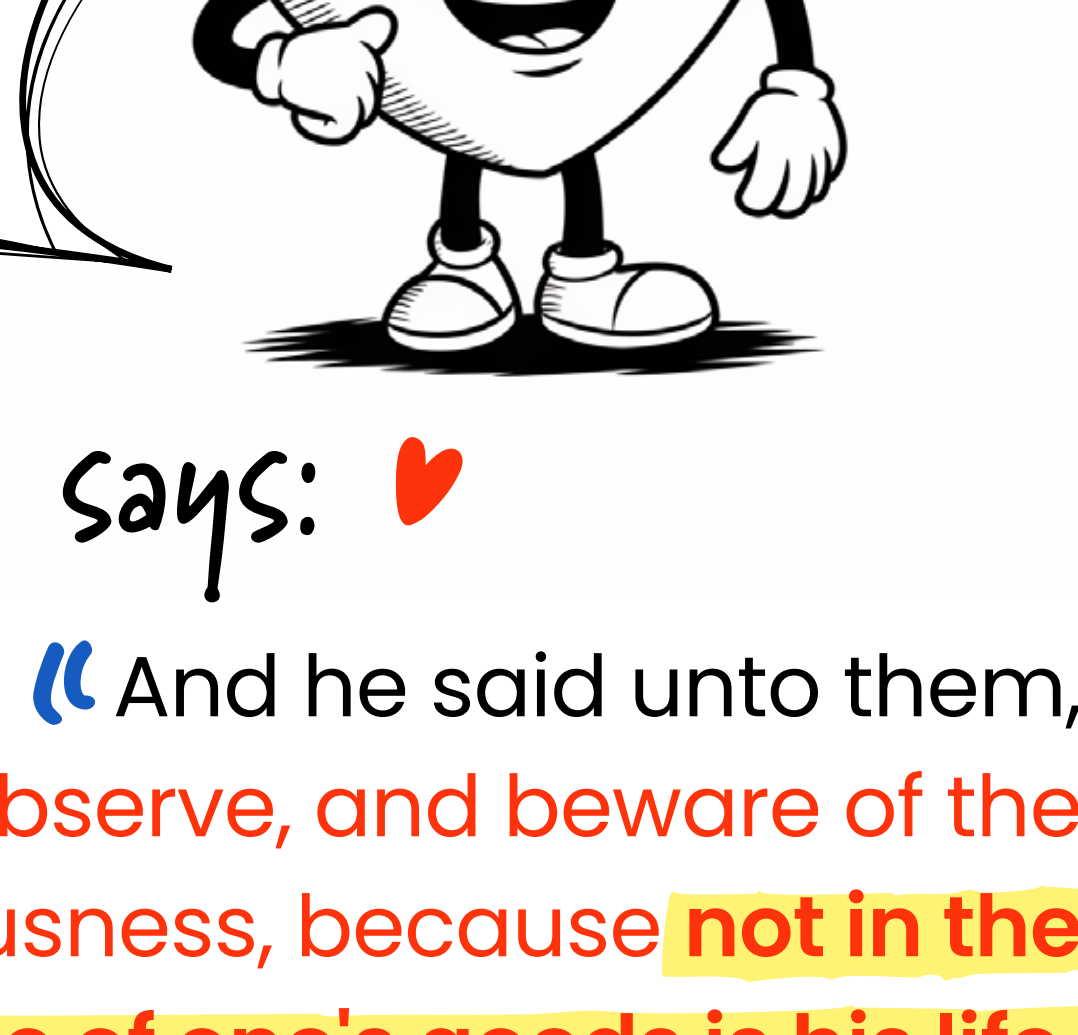
### ①. Because the richness of community outweighs material wealth.

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→ Ecclesiastes 4:7-8 NLT



Many times, we try to fill with riches the voids that **only God can fill.**



♥ Jesus says: ♥

“ And he said unto them, Observe, and beware of the covetousness, because **not in the abundance of one's goods is his life.** ”

Luke 12:15 YLT ←

“ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you **friends**, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ”

→ John 15:15 NASB1995

What great news! God wants to be your friend! ♥



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### ②. Because together we create synergy

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→ Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NLT



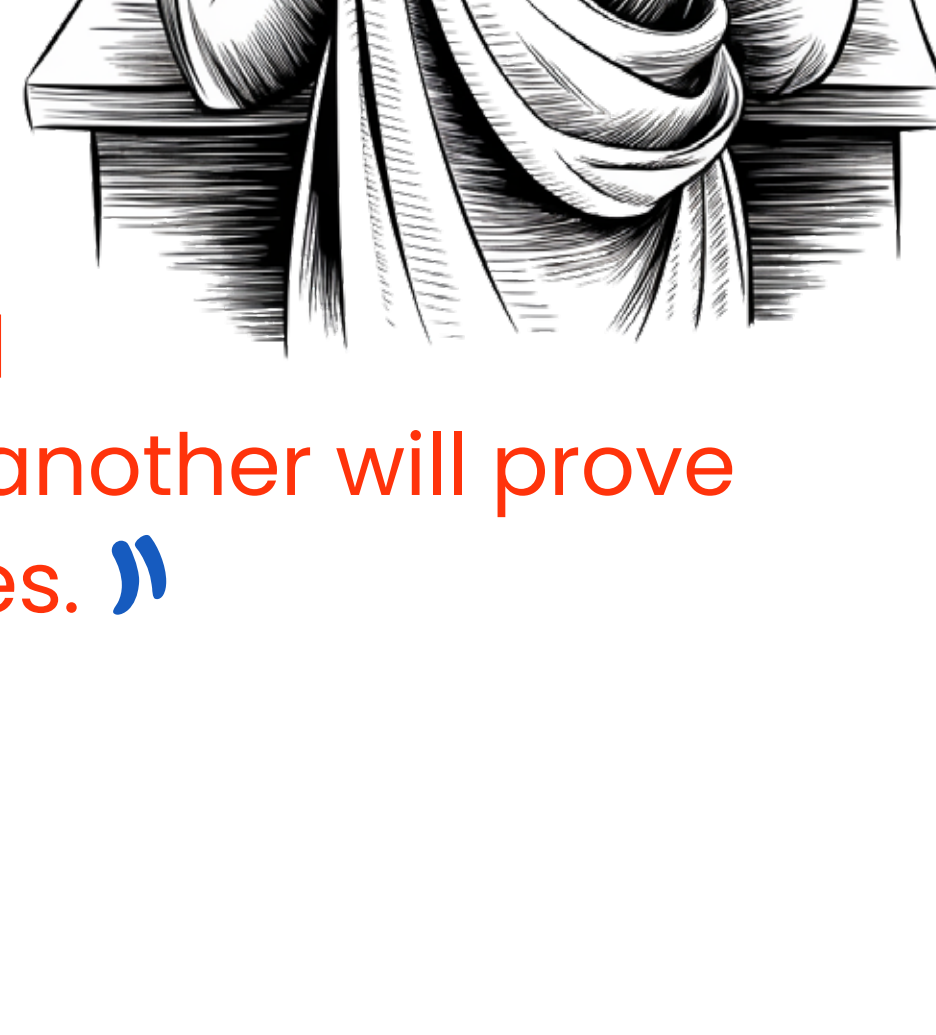
Loneliness involves

**risks** that, in many cases, have **irreparable consequences.**

♥ Jesus says: ♥

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

→ John 13:34-35 NLT



## 4 Types of Love

♥ **Agape**

The purest and most unconditional love that exists

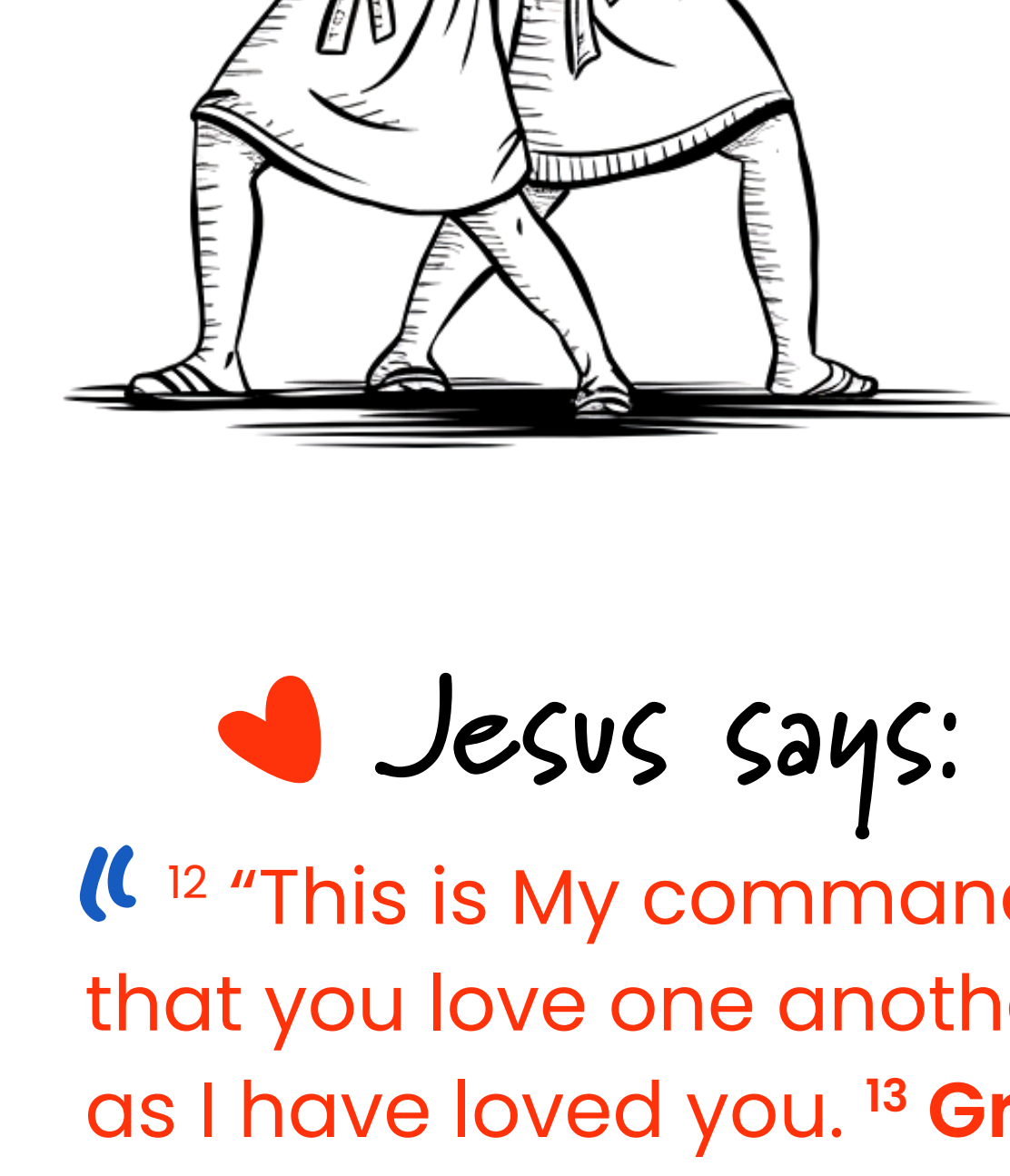
👨👦 **Philia**  
Brotherly love, friendship

♥ **Eros**  
Romantic love or passion

👨👩 **Storge**  
Family love or affection

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### ③. Because Jesus models for us the importance of building community



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→ Ecclesiastes 4:11-12 NLT

♥ Jesus says: ♥

“<sup>12</sup> “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> **Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.** ”

→ John 15:12-13 NASB1995



Giving our lives for our friends doesn't just mean being willing to die for them.

Giving our lives for our friends means investing quality time in them every day.

♥ Just as Jesus did! ♥

Communion with Jesus and with others is essential to face life's challenges.



At any stage of your life, Jesus gives meaning to everything.



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