



## A – ACCEPT The Support Of Others Along The Way

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Sunday, March 17, 2019

AVBC 10:30 am



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- M Maintain a firm grip on the Word of God.
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- Z Zoom in on the good stuff in your life.
- I Ignore the stuff that is cluttering up your life.
- N Navigate your next step by heading towards God's grace.
- G Grab hold of the One who understands the struggle you are going through.
- ! Place your hope in the God of surprising outcomes!

*"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed."* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NLT)

### God NEVER intended for you to walk through life alone!

#### 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Up (vs. 9)

- We better than Me

(word of the day) **SYNERGY!**

Why is "two" better than "one" (*the introvert's perspective*)

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."*  
- Proverbs 27:17 (1 Corinthians 12:14, 3 John 1:8)

#### 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Up (vs. 10)

- We all find ourselves flat on our backs, sometimes it's hard to get up.

*Luke 10:30-37 "The Good Samaritan"*

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* – Galatians 6:2 (John 15:12-13, Romans 15:1)

#### 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Up (vs. 11)

- Life can get pretty COLD sometimes!

Acts 28:1-2, Do you show "Unusual Kindness?"

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(Philippians 2:3-4, Colossians 3:12)

#### 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Up (vs. 12)

- There is Strength in Numbers (1 Samuel 23)

"Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God." – 1 Samuel 23:16

*"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* – 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
(Romans 15:2, Ephesians 4:32, Hebrews 10:24-25)



### DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

**Q1:** Heroes have each other's back. Share a story about a time you had someone's back, you were their support. What happened? How did that change your relationship with them?

**Q2:** Share a story about a time you felt alone. Who helped you through that? Why is it so hard for people to ask for help?

**Q3:** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 gives some practical reasons that relationships are essential. Have you found any of these to be true in your life?

**Q4:** Read *Luke 10:30-37*. In what ways can we go out of our way to Pick someone Up? In what ways can we encourage someone who doesn't want to be Picked Up?

**Q5:** Read *Phil. 2:3-4 & Col. 3:12*. It is hard to admit when we need help. Discuss ways to overcome this fear of vulnerability.

**Q6:** What practical help/encouragement could someone give you in the midst of your maze? Who could God use to help provide that support? What steps can you take to ask for the help you need?

**Q7:** Who is God urging you to support through their maze?



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