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seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes  
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against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the  
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all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33, ESV)*

3) Am I getting \_\_\_\_\_ I need?

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other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and  
his eyes are never satisfied with riches” (Eccl. 4:7–8, ESV)*

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believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of  
God.”” (John 6:66–69, ESV)*

**ONE POWERFUL FACT: Two Are Better Than One!**

*“<sup>9</sup>Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for  
their toil.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9, ESV)*

### WHY IS THIS TRUE?

- Mutual \_\_\_\_\_ when I’m weak.

*“<sup>10</sup>For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is  
alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!”  
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two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”  
(Ecclesiastes 4:12, ESV)*

*“<sup>3</sup>...But truly, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is  
but a step between me and death.” <sup>4</sup>Then Jonathan said to  
David, “Whatever you say, I will do for you.”” (1 Sam 20:3–4, ESV)*

### THREE WAYS TO RESPOND:

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