

Fresh Starts in Faith



"Fresh Starts in Faith: Cultivating Community"

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Main Idea: People grow spiritually when there is fellowship and accountability.

I. Introduction: *All the lonely people...*

II. The Problem of Loneliness, vs. 7-8

- a) Empty, frustrated feelings.
- b) A multitude of causes.
- c) Result: A sense of futility and dissatisfaction.

III. The Solution: Authentic Community, vs. 9-12

- a) They can work more and gain more.
- b) They can reach out to help each other when one falls.
- c) They can provide warmth for each other.
- d) They can better defend themselves.
- e) They can do even more with another companion.

IV. Action Steps: Cultivate fellowship and accountability in community. (Acts 2:42-47)

- ☐ Be intentional in building relationships.
- ☐ Join or participate in a small group.
- ☐ Seek and offer support.
- ☐ Serve together.
- ☐ Find an accountability partner/group.
- ☐ Pray together.