

# NOTES

**With billions of people in the world, someone should figure out a system where no one is lonely.**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)** - Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

**We have arrived at that place in Ecclesiastes where Solomon fires off a series of short teachings like the book of Proverbs.**

## Common Cries of the Lonely:

- **Why won't people love me?**
- **Why won't people help me out of my problems?**
- **Why am I all alone in this?**

## The Solution?

- **Everyone needs mutual encouragement when they are weak.** (vs 10)
- **Everyone needs mutual support when they are weak.** (vs 11)
- **Everyone needs mutual protection when they are attacked.** (vs 12)

**Luke 5:18-19 (NIV)** - Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

## Everybody has a mat.

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**Everybody has a mat but not everyone has roof crushers.**

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