

Friends

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Have you ever heard someone described as a person who “Doesn’t have a friend in the world”?

What a sad situation to be in.

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

7 I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. 8 This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, “Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?” It is all so meaningless and depressing.

9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone?

12 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.

Proverbs 18:24 *A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

Proverbs 17:17 *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

John 13:1 *Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

Obviously, Jesus is our best friend.

I have heard widows and widowers say that Jesus is their spouse, and they get along with their life pretty good.

I’ve also seen lonely people who have become bitter and angry, only making their loneliness worse.

If a person has very few friends, or even worse, no friends, what would be your advice to them to change their situation?

Be a friend. Have a friend. It is an important ingredient to a fulfilled life.