

DEVOTIONALS:

For many of us men, our default is go-it-alone. We prefer to work alone, make decisions alone, muscle through struggles alone, get credit for our accomplishments alone. Go-it-alone gives us control and allows us to avoid vulnerability. The problem is, our King, Jesus Christ, doesn't think much of the go-it-alone approach, especially in the service of others. He didn't go-it-alone during his time of ministry; he doesn't go-it-alone now ([John 10:22-39](#); [14:7-14](#)). And when he sent followers to preach and do miracles, he sent them in pairs, so they wouldn't go-it-alone either ([Mark 6:7-13](#); [Luke 10:1-12](#)). Clearly this is important. But, why are pairs or groups such better units for service than is one man, on his own?

Well, the reasons are a few—and each is as compelling as the ask-for-help approach is counter to our nature. First, and most importantly, Jesus is uniquely present when two or more people join together in his name ([Matthew 18:20](#)). Moreover, two or more people, joined together, working together, in friendship and trust, are often more confident and more impactful, than is just one man ([Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#)). And, two or more people, joined together, who know one another, who pray together and pray for one another, are more supported and more protected (from sin and from opposition), than is that same man, on his own ([Ecclesiastes 4:10-12](#); [Hebrews 3:13](#)).

Okay, so what do we do?

Do you go-it-alone, brother? Take a moment. Wherever you're serving now, serving God and serving others—in ways large or small—consider whether it might be advantageous to pair-up with another follower of God. Pray and listen too. If the answer is yes, betray your instincts and your pride and ask God to send the right person. Then, begin to look around.