

# FUNNY CUZ IT'S TRUE

## Everybody Needs Somebody

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When life's troubles come, and they will, we all need to have some people around us to help. But if you wait to build community, you often won't have it when you need it. Community is something to build and prioritize now.

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come..." | Luke 17:1
- 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. | Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
- 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. | Ecclesiastes 4:11-12
- Two is better than one. Three is even stronger.
- Who in your life feels free to ask, "Are you okay?" and won't take "I'm fine" for an answer?
- When it comes to community, if you wait to build it, you won't have it when you need it.
- Jesus had crowds, but he spent more time with his twelve disciples. Of those twelve, he had three (Peter, James, and John) who were his inner circle.
- In Jesus' highest and lowest moments, Peter, James, and John were there.
- Every single one of us needs two or three people like that.
- If you don't have a circle like that, a group at church is a great place to start.
- The most significant step we can take toward God is a step toward God's people.
- God has given us the gift of each other for the messiness that happens in the middle.

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who in your life feels free to ask, "Are you okay?" and won't take "I'm fine" for an answer? Do you see or talk to them regularly?
2. For anyone looking to build caring community, what qualities and practices do you think need to be cultivated to create the best conditions for those kinds of relationships?
3. What challenges and fears need to be overcome in building close friendships and communities (especially as working adults)?
4. Is it worth it? Why work and strive to have community in your life?