



## Meaning in Suffering? Ecclesiastes 4: 1-16

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*“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up.” Ecc.4:9*

When you hit bottom, the good news is that you have no where to look— but up.

Even in the gloom rays of hope point us to Jesus. The despair of Solomon is replaced with words of life, hope and meaning in Christ.

Ohana Groups gather to share, pray, and live out God’s Word together.

### 1. God Works a Better Work in Us Phil 2:12-16)

We are part of a much bigger eternal purpose.

We work with God cheerfully in a world of complaining.

We offer a lifeline of hope and rescue through Christ.

### 2. God Shines a Better Joy Into Hardship (2:17,18)

When we pour out God pours in by His Spirit.

God produces joy in us and in others in partnered ministry.

### 3 God Calls Us to Team Up in Joy (2:19-24)

One is the loneliest number.

Two is better.

Three is unbreakable.

*“You shine like stars in the universe  
as you hold out the word of life—  
in order that I may boast on the day of Christ  
that I did not run or labor for nothing.” (Phil 2: 16)*