



In this series we have been learning about many dimensions to navigating life. I appreciate that my wife add it to our understanding last week with a tremendous message on the conquerors mindset.

One of my assignments in ministry is to present the word of God in a way that you can use it for your every day life. That's part of the basis for this series, navigate how to successfully journey through life and these times.

Today we're going to get into something that's very much a part of our times, and that is the impact of social media and something called algorithms. Let me say, this is not going to be deep, but it won't be a typical Sermon. You know that we don't do typical sermons.

Going to provide insight and understanding into it people are dealing with every day. So don't be startled at some of the terms I'm going to use, because I'm going to explain it. Only thing I need you to do is pay attention and I guarantee you God will give you understanding.

We're going to take a look at systems that lead to failure and success. Romans 12 verse two says "And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."



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Ecclesiastes 4:9

*Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But **woe to him who is alone** when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And **a threefold cord is not quickly broken.***

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Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

John 13:34

A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

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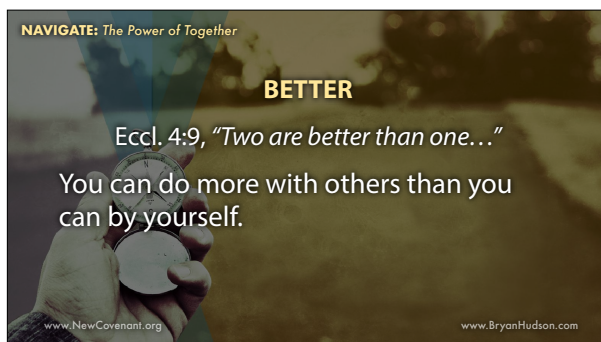


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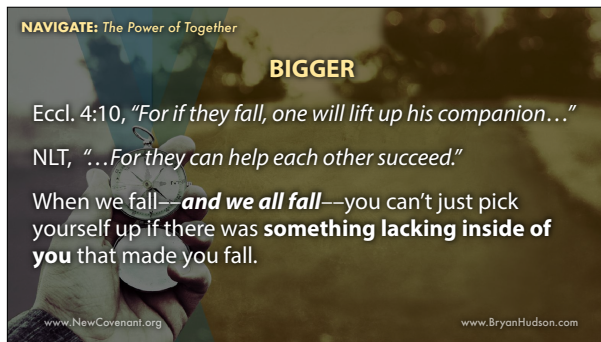
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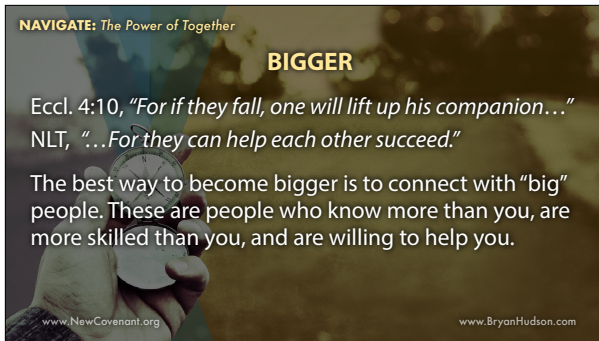
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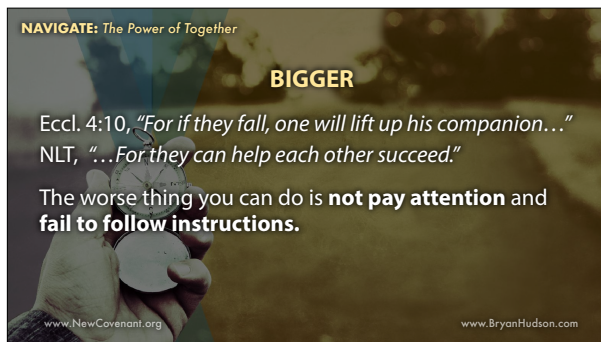
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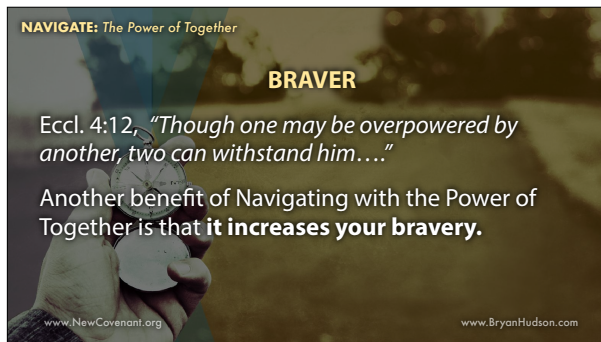
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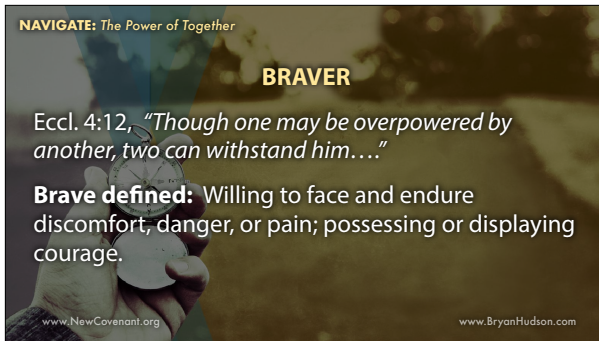
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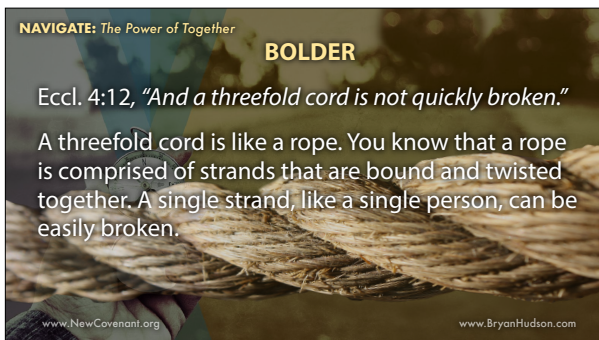
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