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Sermon Outline – October 14, 2007
Living Beyond Myself - Part 7
“Everybody needs Community”

“There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. “For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?” This too is meaningless—a miserable business! Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 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 4:8-12

An Additional Metaphor to consider:

“A Bundle of _____”

1. When you bundle sticks together there will be _____

“If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!” (vs. 10)

2. When you bundle sticks together you find _____

“Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.” (vs.11)

3. When you bundle sticks together you will find _____

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. (vs. 12)

4. When you bundle sticks together you _____.

“As Iron sharpens Iron, a friend sharpens a friend”

Proverbs 27:17

5. When you bundle sticks together things may get a little bit _____.

“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Colossians 3:12-14

Cultivating Community takes:

- **Honesty**
- **Humility**
- **Courtesy**
- **Frequency**