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Tied Up in Knots

rhythm

Get knotted up—seriously intertwined. Arms and fingers and legs and ankles. Then read on.

listen to the music

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart. (Eccl. 4:9–12 NASB)

what we hear

If you ask most singles what they long for when they think of being in a relationship, they'll most likely respond, "Someone to share life with." An old adage says, "With two, joys are doubled, and sorrows are halved." Yes, it's sappy, but it's also true. Most everything is better when you have someone to share it with. When we're apart, we'll even call each other to discuss what we're looking at, just because we wish the other person was there to share it ("The wind is blowing the

snow around, and it looks like a snow globe” or “I wish you could see this sunset”). We love that we have different strengths and weaknesses and that, between us, there’s a pretty good balance all around. This isn’t to say that our differences don’t become annoying (do not stop at this point and discuss your list of grievances with your spouse!), it’s just that over the course of time, we keep each other somewhat on track. This would be a great dynamic alone, but the wisdom from Ecclesiastes tells us that people who are married and have a personal faith have a stronger strand in their relationship—a third strand that has no weaknesses and makes the couple exponentially stronger than it would be separately or together: God. His strength is our strength, our joys are greater because of his blessing, and our sorrows are diminished because we can place our cares on his strong shoulders. His love makes our love invincible.

what do you hear?

What strengths do you think your spouse brings to the marriage?

Has there been a time in your marriage when, except for the strength of the third strand, you wouldn’t have hung in there?

Describe a specific time in the last month when your mate was there for you and made you feel stronger.

extended play

Pray with each other and thank God for some specific strengths you’re grateful for in your mate. Also, thank God for the times he’s kept you together.