

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Ecclesiastes** chapter 4 verses 7-12, which can be found on page 791 in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

⁷Here again, I saw emptiness under the sun: a lonely man without a friend, without son or brother, toiling endlessly yet never satisfied with his wealth – ‘For whom’, he asks, ‘am I toiling and denying myself the good things of life?’ This too is emptiness, a sorry business. Two are better than one; they receive a good reward for their toil, because, if one falls, the other can help his companion up again; but alas for the man who falls alone with no partner to help him up. And, if two lie side by side, they keep each other warm; but how can one keep warm by himself? If a man is alone, an assailant may overpower him, but two can resist; and a cord of three strands is not quickly snapped.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Mark** chapter 1 verses 14-20, which can be found on page 43 in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹⁴After John had been arrested, Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: ‘The time has come; the kingdom of God is upon you; repent, and believe the Gospel.’

Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when he saw Simon and his brother Andrew on the lake at work with a casting-net; for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, ‘Come with me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him.

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When he had gone a little further he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in the boat overhauling their nets. He called them; and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, they went off to follow him.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.