

A Tale of Two Horses

The value of true and loyal friendship can never be overstated. It is beyond measure. The following story, by an unknown author, about two horses, helps illustrate what I mean.

Just up the road from my home is a field with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.

This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, he stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that his blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.



What an insightful story! And it has application for us as humans. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell. At other times, we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way. Good friends are like that. You may not always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell, and I'll listen for yours.

And remember: Be kinder than necessary. Everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

– Beecher Hunter