

## TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE



Growing up, I couldn't wait to get home from school to listen to a radio program called *The Lone Ranger*. It was always a must for me to do, and my father usually listened with me.

The Lone Ranger was a fictional masked former Texas Ranger who fought outlaws in the American Old West, along with a Native American friend, Tonto. The character has become an enduring icon of our culture.

The Lone Ranger was so named because he was the only survivor of a group of six Texas Rangers who were pursuing a band of outlaws. To conceal his identity, he wore a mask, and continued fighting for justice, even after the gang responsible for the killings was captured.

Tonto was a loyal ally in the battle against evil, so the Lone Ranger, in that sense, was a misnomer. He didn't defeat the bad guys or escape from danger by himself. He had the help of Tonto, not to mention his fast and trusty horse, Silver.

Human beings just aren't designed to conquer life on their own. Whether it's figuring out a new software program, moving heavy office furniture, or providing care to a resident in a nursing facility, some situations require a call for help.

You might be one of those people who has trouble asking for help. If so, just remember that the assistance you need is available, regardless of whether it's physical, emotional, financial or technical. It may take a little research and vulnerability to connect with the right counselor, friend, associate or family member, but sending up an SOS when you require it is a sure sign of maturity, not weakness.

Finding the support or guidance you need can make a great difference in the way you work, the way you think about your job, and, perhaps most importantly, the way you live outside of work.



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Don't be afraid to reach out when you need a lifeline. And remember, the person you seek help from today might be the one who needs your expertise, guidance or moral support somewhere down the road.

*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 (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).*

– Beecher Hunter