

What Keeps Us Going

Army historian Brigadier Gen. S.L.A. Marshall, after extensive interviews with soldiers returning from combat, concluded that the primary motivation for a soldier to fight is a sense of unity with his immediate combat unit.

“I hold it to be one of the simplest truths of war,” he said, “that the thing which enables an infantry soldier to keep going ... is the near presence or presumed presence of a comrade.”

Dr. David Jeremiah, author and senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, Calif., picks up on this conclusion in his book *Turning Points*. The Apostle Paul, he said, “didn’t go to the mission field alone; he always had partners. Jesus sent His evangelists two by two. The three Hebrews in Daniel 3 proved that ‘a threefold cord is not quickly broken’ (Ecclesiastes 4:12). What would David have done without Jonathan’s support in the wilderness? Even our Lord Jesus wanted His closest friends near Him in Gethsemane. Our faith is strengthened when godly peers stand with us in difficulty.”

But for us, the question should not be, “Do I have a close friend on whom I can lean?” It should be, “How can I be such a friend?”



In Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we have more opportunity than most to be that kind of friend. Look around today for someone needing encouragement. Spend extra time praying for one in need. Be cheerful at work or in the grocery store. Speak to family members and visitors to the center. Share a Scripture verse with a neighbor.

In other words, brighten the corner where you are!

– Beecher Hunter