HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE?

Ecclesiastes 4:12 KJV

[12] And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

       We recently had the privilege to keep our youngest grandchild while her parents and sister went to Dolly Wood.  I was relieved because it wasn’t me alone.  My youngest grandchild is not a he but is still a handful so “if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him.”   I know this passage has a spiritual meaning but it sure has some literal meaning also.  Kathie and I stood a much better chance of preventing disaster than me alone.  Well my sister and brother in law were asked to keep our great niece who was younger than our granddaughter. It was our first time to keep her.  The Lord didn’t mention how to take care of two in this proverb.  I need to read further.

       About three hours into this adventure both of the younger parties were asleep. Yippee!  Thirty minutes later one is awake.  In a little while both are awake.  Did I forget to tell you about the “shower” my sister received when she was changing the diaper of one of our babies?  Oh yeah!  I also failed to mention two of the other kind of diapers.  Another thing, they did not eat at the same time and one had to be taken outside to go to sleep and when we bring her back in the other decides to yell at the top her lungs.  Our cord may not have broken but sure got stretched!

        Well for just a minute l thought about my sister, who is twelve years younger than me, as she and her husband were taking care of the great niece and remembered that not so long ago they were not thinking about kids much less grandkids.  Had they been here in Pigeon Forge, they would have been thinking about rides and entertainment.  They would not have volunteered to care for the baby while others got some well-deserved relaxation.  I am proud of them and the Christian people and servants for Christ they have become.

       Yes we can think of our challenges but right in the middle of the challenge God shows us a greater victory.  When it comes to kids it may take a **community** to raise them but I am glad God has given us a **Christian community**.

Yours in Christ,

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