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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! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

(Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12, The Message)***

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background

The birth of Canada was inspired by meetings of the leaders of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to discuss how they all might do better as a group than they could on their own. These meetings attracted the attention of Upper and Lower Canada as well, which would become Ontario and Quebec, who saw the value of this approach in growing economically and defending against a potential threat from the United States. In 1867, these colonies agreed to become the country of Canada at confederation, forming one strong body to face these challenges. (source?) I believe life should be lived by accepting that you are broken and limited, but are capable of overcoming those limitations through accepting the help and kindness of others. By exploring this theme through one of my favourite songs, the life story of Terry Harrington, the resignation of Green Bay Packers Vice President Jason Wied and the final moments of Liliana Heker's The Stolen Party, I will show the importance of living life in this way.

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In Western society, the trait of personal strength and independence is highly valued, the ability to do things for yourself without needing others to do them for you. In certain cases, this is important, especially when you're young, including learning to dress yourself, tie your shoes, learn to manage your time and set priorities for your life and follow through. There are times where this belief can leave people feeling overwhelmed and unable to "make it," and it's difficult to know when it's OK to reach out for help and when to handle things on your own:

Tough, you think you've got the stuff
You're telling me and anyone
You're hard enough

You don't have to put up a fight
You don't have to always be right
Let me take some of the punches
For you tonight

Listen to me now
I need to let you know
You don't have to go it alone (Bono, Clayton, The Edge and Mullen, Jr. ***)

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U2's song Sometimes You Can't Make it On Your Own states this dilemma, and validates the choice to let others in when circumstances are simply too much for any one person to cope with. While this act may not be easy, if we are to overcome the challenges we will experience in life, learning to let others in to be our strength in times of need is an important part of a life well lived.

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