



# LEADING

# ME

working with God  
who is at work  
in us



The most difficult  
person to lead is ...

# ME

Leading me is not  
about me leading me

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*[God], who began a good work in you, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

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Philippians 1:6

*Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I  
have everything I need.  
He leads me ...*

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Psalm 23

*Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I  
have everything I need.  
He leads me ... in paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake*

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Psalm 23

*Therefore, confess your sins  
to each other and pray for each  
other so that you may be healed*

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**James 5:16**

**God's 'Plan A' for  
shepherding me is  
other people**

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*From him [i.e. Jesus] the whole body grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work*

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**Ephesians 4:16**

**“God does not delegate the process [of developing me] to people. He wears people as his uniforms”**

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# I. A “Penny-Dropping” Insight

*Two are better than one ...*

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Ecclesiastes 4:9

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*Two are better than one ...*

- *they have good return for their labor*

**Mutual effort ...**

**... produces better results**

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

# I. A “Penny-Dropping” Insight

*Two are better than one ...*

- *If either of them falls down, one can help the other up*

**Mutual support ...**

**... keeps you in the race**

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

# I. A “Penny-Dropping” Insight

*Two are better than one ...*

- *If two lie down together they will keep warm*

**Mutual encouragement ...**

**... keeps you vibrant**

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# I. A “Penny-Dropping” Insight

*Two are better than one ...*

- *Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.*

**Mutual strength ...**

**... brings greater security**

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Ecclesiastes 4:1-8

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*“... they have no comforter*

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Goal: self-sufficiency

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1. Who can I ‘shepherd?’
2. Who is shepherding me?

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