

# Family Ties



# Accountability within the confines of the Body of Christ



# Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NIV

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one,  
because they have a good return  
for their labor:

<sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down,  
one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls  
and has no one to help them up.

<sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together,  
they will keep warm. But how  
can one keep warm alone?

<sup>12</sup> Though one may be  
overpowered,  
two can defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands is not  
quickly broken.



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🍷 The purpose of accountability within the body of Christ is to help move people we are accountable to closer to Jesus



There is a level of growth in Christ that happens when we will get close enough to people to let them speak into our lives from a place of Christ-likeness and humility.





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community-oriented accountability:



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# Connection



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## Connection

Galatians 6:2 NLT

<sup>2</sup>Share each other's burdens, and in  
this way obey the law of Christ.





As believers we have  
a responsibility to come  
alongside our brothers and  
sisters in their struggles.

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## Connection

1 Corinthians 12:12, 27 NLT

<sup>12</sup>The human body has many parts, but  
the many parts make up one whole body.  
So it is with the body of Christ.

<sup>27</sup>All of you together are Christ's body,  
and each of you is a part of it.



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## Connection

1 John 3:16 NLT

<sup>16</sup>We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.



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## Direction





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## Direction

Proverbs 11:14 NIV

<sup>14</sup> For lack of guidance a nation falls,  
but victory is won through many advisers.





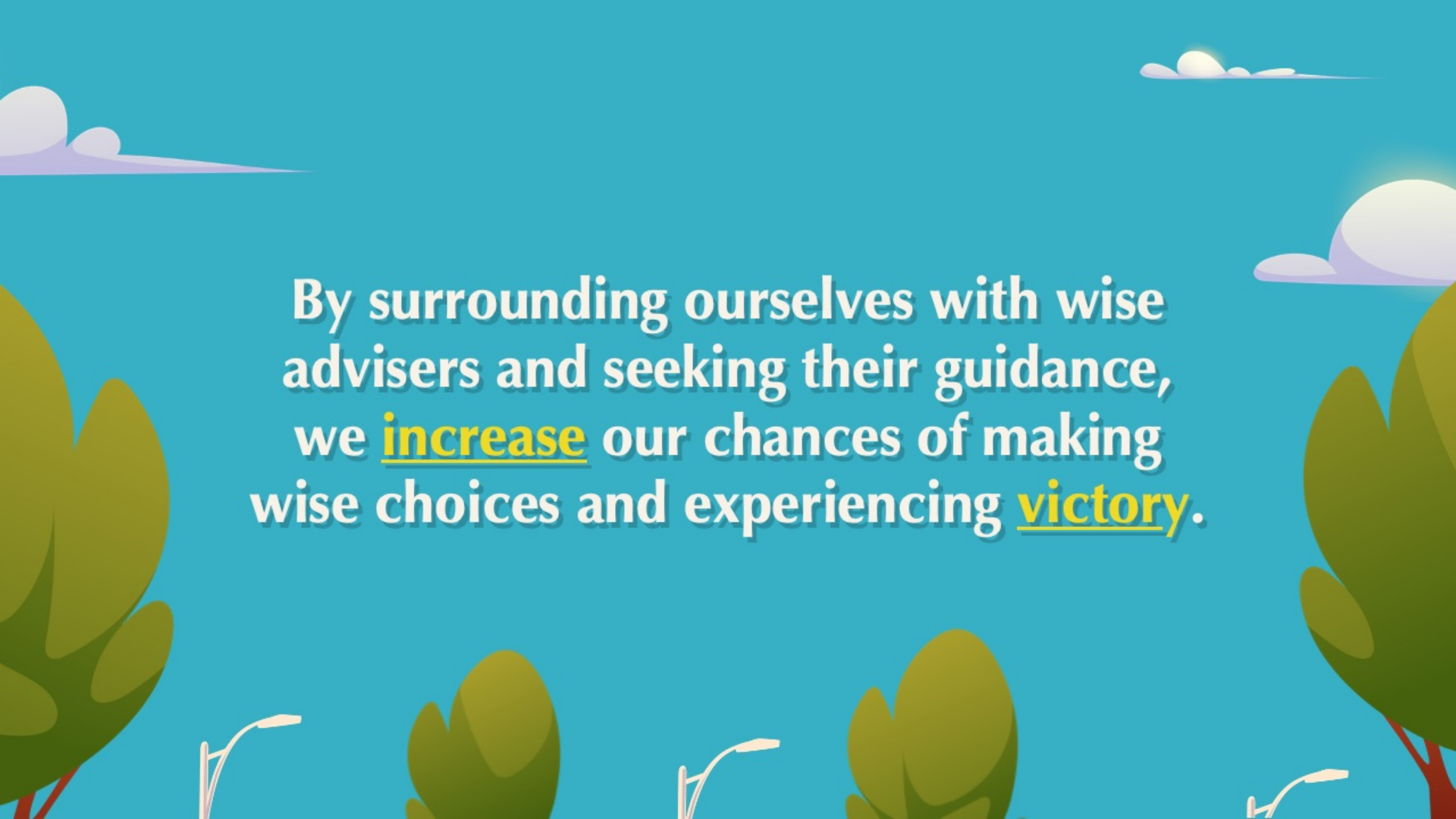
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## Direction

Proverbs 13:20 NIV

<sup>20</sup> Walk with the wise and become wise,  
for a companion of fools suffers harm.



By surrounding ourselves with wise advisers and seeking their guidance, we increase our chances of making wise choices and experiencing victory.



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## Protection

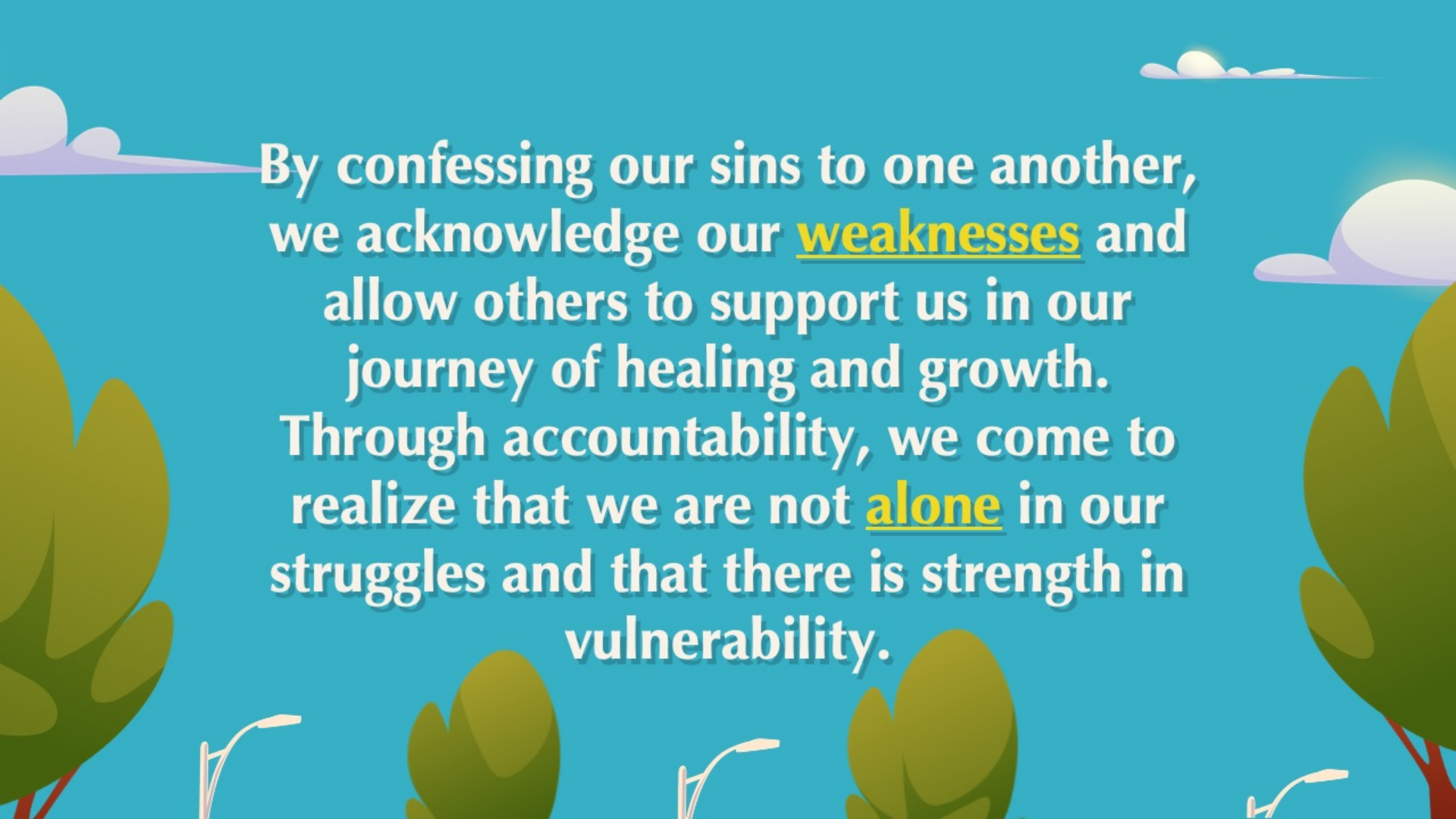


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1 Protection

James 5:12 NIV

<sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to each other  
and pray for each other so that you may be  
healed. The prayer of a righteous person is  
powerful and effective.



By confessing our sins to one another,  
we acknowledge our weaknesses and  
allow others to support us in our  
journey of healing and growth.  
Through accountability, we come to  
realize that we are not alone in our  
struggles and that there is strength in  
vulnerability.



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☝ Protection

Hebrews 3:12-13 NIV

<sup>12</sup>See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

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# Correction



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## Correction

Hebrews 12:11 NIV

<sup>11</sup>No discipline seems pleasant at the time,  
but painful. Later on, however, it produces  
a harvest of righteousness and peace for  
those who have been trained by it.





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## Correction

Galatians 6:1 NIV

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.



If you're above correction, then  
you're outside of protection.



Am I close enough to my brothers and sisters in Christ for you to provide for me all the benefits that come with being accountable to others?

