



## Together Strong: We > Me (Part 7)

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**SERIES TEXT:** "Where two or three gather TOGETHER in my name, there I am with them."  
- Jesus, Matthew 18:20 BSB

**BIG IDEA:** We're better TOGETHER when tied to Jesus, "for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT).

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### Text:

**2 Chronicles 9:15-16** "King Solomon made two hundred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred shekels of hammered gold went into each shield. He also made three hundred small shields of hammered gold, with three hundred shekels of gold in each shield. The king put them in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon."

**1 Kings 14:25-28** "In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt attacked Jerusalem. He carried off the treasures of the temple of the Lord and the treasures of the royal palace. He took everything, including all the gold shields Solomon had made. So King Rehoboam made bronze shields to replace them and assigned these to the commanders of the guard on duty at the entrance to the royal palace. Whenever the king went to the Lord's temple, the guards bore the shields, and afterward they returned them to the guardroom."

### WE > ME as:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In 5 short years, two lifetimes of conquest and splendor were gone.
  - The root needs to match the fruit.
  - Examples of bronze living:
    - Focus on outward appearance of spiritual interest and busyness.
    - Ritual replaces relationship.
    - We serve God on autopilot.
  - The problem with counterfeit living
  - Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
  - His death doesn't give us license to continue to sin. It gives us license to put down the bronze counterfeit shield and take up the genuine gold shield provided by Jesus dying on the cross.

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- 1 Kings 14:25 "In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt attacked Jerusalem..."

- 2 Chronicles 12:1 "After Rehoboam's position as king was established and he had become strong, he and all Israel with him abandoned the law of the LORD."

- He got comfortable. He didn't need God anymore.

- The repetition of the phrase "His mother's name was Naamah; she was an Ammonite." in verses 21-31.

- Long before we ever fall into disgrace, we sow the seeds of our own destruction by making lots of little spiritual compromises.

- Solomon's history.

The choice to follow God is a choice we must make \_\_\_\_\_.

- Contrast of Rehoboam to David at Ziklag in 1 Samuel 30.