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A gift planning counselor is a built-in companion for the journey so that you don't have to go through the estate planning process alone.

"I am so tired of having to do everything by myself," said Jenny to her friend Marsha. "Since Frank died, there has just been so much to do, and I must do it all by myself. I never realized how much he took care of."

"I know what you mean," Marsha responded. "It's spring, and I know it will be time to mow the grass soon. Bob always used to take the mower into the shop every March to get it tuned up. But I have no idea how I could get my mower into the back of my vehicle. I'm so worn from trying to do all this."

The experience of Jenny and Marsha is common to many people who have been married for some years with a spouse who has now gone to heaven. Handling finances, investments, and even legal questions falls into the category of things one spouse might have always handled.

The good news is that tackling the job of putting an estate plan together, or maybe just tweaking a plan that already exists, is something with which an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. The counselor has been through many plans and knows what to do to get you prepared to speak with your professionals. They are part of your family of faith. They are here to help. To get connected for this journey, contact Florida Gift Planning Counselor Tony Hunt, CFRE, at 260-222-1291 or email tony.hunt@lfnd.org.