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FRIENDING

It's a BIG DEAL

Show me your friends and I will show you your future.

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

My fab five closest friends (No dogs, cats, or family members)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

25 years ago an individual would have five to six intimate friends. Today it is less than two. USA Today reports 25% of all Americans now claim they have no intimate friends.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)

HOW TO DEVELOP A REAL FRIENDSHIP

The **KEY** to a real friendship is wrapped up in one word, PRESENCE.

THREE WAYS TO BE PRESENT

1. Physical presence.

*And let us not neglect **our meeting together**, as some people do, but encourage one another... Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)*

2. Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual presence. (GET REAL)

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

3. Residual presence.

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. Acts 2:44-45 (NLT)

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Pastor Jay stated in his message we are the average of our friends. Would you agree or disagree? Take out a piece of paper and list your top five friends. (No dogs, cats, or family members) As you look at these names, answer the following questions. What is the basis of our friendship? How often do I see them face to face? When I do, what is the depth of our relationship? How have these friendships impacted my life? Have they elevated it or taken away from it? Now, let's flip this around. If your friends were asked the same set of questions, do you think you would make their list? How do you think they would answer the same questions about you? Relationships are a BIG DEAL to God. What is one thing, just one thing, we can do this week to help become a godly friend to someone and to build godly friends into our lives?