

CENTERED

A FAITH LIVED OUT

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A Life That's Well PARTNERED

The *layers* of a **God-Centered life**:

A **God-Centered life** strives for *Holiness*.

A **God-Centered life** is motivated by *Love for God and others*.

A **God-Centered life** is a life lived for *Eternal Significance*, which comes through *Service*.

A **God-Centered life** is a life of *Generosity*.

A *God-Centered life* is a life that is well **Partnered**.

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

Don't team up (yoke, partner, run with, join yourselves) with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14 (NLT)

The Blessings of being Partnered with Christ Followers

1. They ENCOURAGE, SUPPORT, and HELP me when life gets hard.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 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. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)

Share (carry, bare, physically help) each other's burdens (troubles and problems), and in this way obey (fulfill, complete, demonstrate) the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

2. They help me when I FAIL.

*If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you (in private). If they listen to you, you have won them over. **Matthew 18:15 (NIV)***

*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. **James 5:16 (NLT)***

3. They help me become MORE.

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens (can improve) another. **Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)***

*He who walks [as a companion] with wise men will be wise, But the companions of [conceited, dull-witted] (self-reliant, those who think they know it all), fools [are fools themselves and] will experience harm. **Proverbs 13:20 (AMP)***

4. They help me, and I help them to FIND and FULFILL God's work in the world.

*...Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. **Ephesians 4:15-17 (NLT)***

5. Together we bring HONOR to Christ.

*Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. **John 13:35 NLT***

Going deeper on your own: Pastor Jay mentioned all friendships are built on something. Look at your closest three friends and ask yourself; "What are these friendships built on?" Review today's message notes, looking up all the passages used. Write out on a piece of paper the friends you have who fulfill the blessings listed. If you don't have anyone, what is one thing you could do this week to begin building a Christ-Centered friendship? If you do, take time to write those friends, telling them what they mean to you. Lastly, if your friends were asked the same questions about you, would they place your name on their list? What is one thing you could do to become the Christ-Centered friend they need? Now go do it...