



One Church: Two locations

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Message-RAISING HOPE: WE REALLY DO NEED EACH OTHER!

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10 (ESV)

9 TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD REWARD FOR THEIR TOIL. 10 FOR IF THEY FALL, ONE WILL LIFT UP HIS FELLOW. BUT WOE TO HIM WHO IS ALONE WHEN HE FALLS AND HAS NOT ANOTHER TO LIFT HIM UP!

Today we look at connected relationships.

1 SAMUEL 23:16 (ESV)

16 AND JONATHAN, SAUL'S SON, ROSE AND WENT TO DAVID AT HORESH, AND STRENGTHENED HIS HAND IN GOD.

The story calls all of us to ask a critical question:

Do I have someone in my life that "strengthens my hand in God"?

PROVERBS 13:20 (ESV)

*20 WHOEVER WALKS WITH THE WISE BECOMES WISE,
BUT THE COMPANION OF FOOLS WILL SUFFER HARM.*

Connected relationships are what make the difference in our lives and in the life of our church.

THE FIVE RELATIONSHIPS WE ALL NEED!

1. We all need V_____ C_____ S.

I think of the words of Henrietta Mears when she said, "There is no magic in small plans. When I consider ministry, I think of the world. Anything less than that would not be worthy of Christ nor of His will for my life."

WOW! THAT IS VISION!

2. We all need S_____ S_____ S.

Here is the soul sharpeners job description:

Proverbs 27:17 (ESV) Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

3. We all need M_____S and M_____S.

*The apostle Paul wrote to young Christians these words,
[1] Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (ESV) (I Corinthians 11:1). Paul told a more seasoned group of believers, "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me-put it into practice" (Philippians 4:9). (ESV)*

4. We all need H_____H_____S.

*At one point in his friendship with David, Jonathan asked his dear friend to
"reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself"
(I Samuel 20:17) (ESV)*

5. We all need T_____K_____S.

*Proverbs 27:6 (ESV)
"Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses".*

One last note:

*Connected relationships are not found, they are built, they are established.
Working with people for many years, I can tell you that I've talked with people who say, "I can't find friends!" Do you understand why you can't find friends?
There is no tree of friends to go out and pick one off; it is only through connected relationships that friendships are formed.
Look around this beautiful worship center, there are people all over this room who need you and you need them. There are young couples who need a mature couple to befriend them. There are students who need an adopted Grandparent. There are Senior Adults who need a student.*

Dear Church family, refuse to go it alone, start building right now, today!