

ROOTED | REAL ONES ONLY— THE ART OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP

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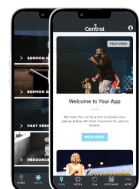
BIG IDEA: The kind of friendship God calls us to isn't just FOUND; it's FORGED.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Ecclesiastes 3:11
John 15:13-17
Proverbs 12:26
Proverbs 13:20

1 Corinthians 15:33
Proverbs 17:17
Proverbs 27:5-6, 9, 17
Proverbs 25:11
Proverbs 20:6
Proverbs 18:24

1. How does knowing that our relational design comes from God change the way you view friendship and community?
2. In what ways have you looked to people to fill a space that only God can fill? How can you let God meet those deeper needs first? How might your relationships with others change if your deepest needs were already being met by Him?
3. In what ways have you seen human friendships reflect God's character or His heart for you?
4. Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times." What does "showing up" look like in your life right now—both for others and in allowing others to show up for you? Which is harder for you: showing up for others, or letting others show up for you? Why?
5. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Who helps sharpen your faith and character—even when it's uncomfortable? How can you invite someone into that kind of sharpening friendship—or be that kind of friend yourself?
6. Take a look at the different Proverbs about friendship. Which one word of wisdom do you most need to apply to your relationships right now?
7. 2 Timothy 4:17 says, "But the Lord stood with me." How have you experienced Jesus' faithful friendship in times when others have failed you? Describe how He's stood with you. How does His constancy inspire you to be a more faithful friend?
8. Is there a friendship in your life God might be asking you to revisit or rebuild?
9. How can you begin to take one small, intentional step toward deeper connection this week?



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