

BAND OF BROTHERS

The Marks of a Real Man: Part 2

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“And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone.” (Genesis 2:18a, NKJV)

WHY I NEED A BAND OF BROTHERS

1. I NEED SOME GUYS TO DO LIFE WITH.

“Afterwards he went up into the hills and summoned certain ones he chose, inviting them to come and join him there; and they did. Then he selected twelve of them to be his regular companions...” (Mark 3:13–15, TLB)

“Run from anything that gives you the evil thoughts that young men often have, but stay close to anything that makes you want to do right. Have faith and love, and enjoy the companionship of those who love the Lord and have pure hearts.” (2 Timothy 2:22, TLB)

“...keep each other on your toes so sin doesn’t slow down your reflexes.” (Hebrews 3:13, MSG)

“Some friends don’t help, but a true friend is closer than your own family.” (Proverbs 18:24, CEV)

2. I NEED SOME GUYS TO LEAN ON.

“If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.” (Ecclesiastes 4:10, NLT)

“By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2, NCV)

“A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.” (Job 6:14, NIV84)

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16, NIV)

“I am saying that you shouldn’t act as if everything is just fine when a friend who claims to be a Christian is promiscuous or crooked, is flip with God or rude to friends, gets drunk or becomes greedy and predatory. You can’t just go along with this, treating it as acceptable behavior. I’m not responsible for what the outsiders do, but don’t we have some responsibility for those within our community of believers? God decides on the outsiders, but we need to decide when our brothers and sisters are out of line and, if necessary, clean house.” (1 Corinthians 5:11–13, MSG)

3. I NEED SOME GUYS TO LEARN FROM.

“Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.” (Proverbs 13:20, MSG)

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” (Proverbs 27:17, NLT)

- MODELS

JESUS: *“I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done...” (John 13:15, NLT)*

PAUL: *“For you know that you ought to imitate us...we [lived this way with you] in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate.” (2 Thessalonians 3:7-9, NLT/NIV)*

- MENTORS

“You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.” (2 Timothy 2:2, NLT)

4. I NEED SOME GUYS TO LOOK AFTER.

“Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.” (Psalm 145:4, NLT)

“Now that I am old and gray...Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.” (Psalm 71:18, NLT)

“Stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders...He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them...and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God...” (Psalm 78:3–7, NLT)

ACTION STEP
SERVE IN FAMILY MINISTRY