

Never Walk Alone
Friendships Built
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Genesis 2:18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.”

1 Samuel 20:25 The king sat on his seat, as at other times, on the seat by the wall. Jonathan sat opposite, and Abner sat by Saul's side, but David's place was empty.

Proverbs 24:6 So don't go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many advisers.

Key Thought: Right voices bring right choices.

Three Voices:

✓ Voice of family.

✓ Voice of a fool.

2 Samuel 3:12 Then Abner sent messengers to David, saying, “Doesn't the entire land belong to you? Make a solemn pact with me, and I will help turn over all of Israel to you.”

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

✓ Voice of truth.

1 Samuel 15:17-28 Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel... You have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel!” As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. Samuel said to him, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you...”

1 Samuel 13:14 ...for the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. The Lord has already appointed him to be the leader of his people...

Ecclesiastes 3:1-5 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die... There is a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them.

Genesis 31:44-46 “Come now, let's make a covenant, you and I, and let it serve as a witness between us.” So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. He said to his relatives, “Gather some stones.” So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

What does it take to experience healing in a friendship?

1. Acknowledge my own mistakes.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2. Abandon my right to get even.

Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

3. Apply God's grace to others.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Walk Away: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." Corrie Ten Boom