

ALIVE IN my friendships

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023
STEVE STEELE

“ Walk with the wise and become wise;
associate with fools and get in trouble.”
~ PROVERBS 13:20 (NLT)

Show me your _____ and I'll show you your _____.

“ Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul.”
~ PROVERBS 22:24-25 (NLT)

_____ closest friends:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____

The Lost Art of Friendship:

Be _____.

“ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”
~ HEBREWS 10:24-25 (NLT)

We meet friends _____. We deepen friendships _____.

Get _____.

“ 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)

“ An open rebuke is better than hidden love! Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.”
~ PROVERBS 27:5-6 (NLT)

We may _____ people with our _____ but
We _____ with people through our _____.

Never _____.

“ Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable?”
~ PROVERBS 20:6 (NLT)

“ A friend is always loyal,
and a brother is born to help in time of need.”
~ PROVERBS 17:17 (NLT)

Confront friends with _____.

“ Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.”
~ GALATIANS 6:1-2 (NLT)

so what?

“ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”
~ JOHN 13:34-35 (NLT)

Your friendships will be one of your _____
for both _____ and _____.

“ Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
~ COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 (NIV)

“ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.”
~ 1 PETER 3:15 (NLT)

discussion questions:

COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS available on the APP |   

1- How many close friends can you list in your life right now?

Who on that list is your closest friend and how have they impacted your life?

2- When in your life have you had the most significant and genuine friends?

When in your life have you had a lack of these kinds of friends?

3- Re-read Hebrews 10:24-25. How present are you in your friendships?

4- Re-read James 5:16. How real or transparent are you in your friendships?

What things keep you from having real and authentic friendships?

5- Re-read Proverbs 17:17. What friend really needs you right now? How can you step into that?

What spiritual opportunity do you see in your friendships?

GET CONNECTED
at FIRST:



ONLINE at
fbclodi.org



The APP  
Search "FBC Lodi"



EMAIL
Weekly Email

267 N. MILLS AVE
209.334.1332

First
RESTORING LIFE