Acts 10:23-35

Relational Ministries

- **1. The Ministry of C<u>ompanionship</u>**
  - **Acts 10:23b**, “Some of the brethren from Joppa **<u>accompanied him</u>**.”
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:11**, “**<u>Encourage</u>** one another and **<u>build one</u>** another up.”
  - **Philippians 2:20,22,25**, “I have no one else of **<u>kindred spirit</u>** who will **<u>genuinely be concerned</u>** for your welfare…you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in **<u>the furtherance of the gospel</u>** like a child serving his father… Epaphroditus, my **<u>brother</u>** and fellow **<u>worker</u>** and fellow **<u>soldier</u>**, who is also **<u>your messenger</u>** and minister **<u>to my need</u>**.”
  - **Who can I be a friend to?**
- **2. The Ministry of C<u>ommunity</u>**
  - **Acts 10:24**, “Now Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his **<u>relatives and close friends</u>**.”
  - **Proverbs 13:20**, “He who walks with wise men **<u>will be wise</u>**, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”
  - **1 Corinthians 15:33**, “Bad company **<u>corrupts</u>** good morals.”
  - **Matthew 5:13&14**, “**<u>You are</u>** the salt of the earth…**<u>you are</u>** the light of the world.”
  - **1 Corinthians 10:24**, “Let no one seek his own good, but that **<u>of his neighbor</u>**.”
  - **Who am I influencing? Who’s influencing me?**
- **3. The Ministry of C<u>orrection</u>**
  - **Acts 10:25-26**, When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and **<u>fell at his feet</u>** and **<u>worshiped him</u>**. But Peter raised him up, saying, “Stand up; I too **<u>am just a man</u>**.”
  - **Jude 1:22-23**, “**<u>Have mercy</u>** on some, who are doubting; save others, **<u>snatching them out of the fire</u>**; and on some **<u>have mercy with fear</u>**, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.”

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, "**All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable** for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be **adequate, equipped** for every good work."
- **Am I afraid to speak up? Why?**

- **4. The Ministry of Communication**
  - **Acts 10:29&34-35**, "So I ask for what reason you have sent me…I most certainly **understand now that God** is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who **fears Him** and **does what is right is welcome to Him**."
  - **Psalm 40:9**, " I **have told the glad news** of deliverance in the great congregation."
  - **Ephesians 4:29**, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good **for building up**, as fits the occasion, **that it may give grace** to those who hear."
  - **Revelation 22:17,** The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let **the one who is thirsty come**; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.
  - **Matthew 11:28**, "**Come to Me**, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
  - **Who am I inviting people to meet God?**