

Choosing Your People — Who Am I Going With?

Proverbs 13:20; 18:24; 27:5-10, 17 | November 1, 2026

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 13:20

What does a faithful friend do?

- A faithful friend **stays** when things get hard. (Proverbs 18:24)
- A faithful friend **speaks the truth** in love. (Proverbs 27:5–6)
- A faithful friend **helps us grow**. (Proverbs 27:17)

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

Two questions to consider:

1. Who have I invited to speak honestly into my life?
2. Am I being for others what I need them to be for me?

The greatest decision we will ever make is to follow Jesus, and the best way to do that is together.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chosen: Early Access Event: November 1 at 2:00 PM
Kids Ministry Joy Drive: November 14 at 10:00 AM
Thanksgiving Dinner: November 18 at 4:30 & 6:30 PM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Have you ever had a moment where a friend said something hard to you that turned out to be exactly what you needed to hear? How did it feel in the moment versus later?

A DEEPER DIVE:

» Proverbs 13:20 emphasizes walking with the wise as a daily, ongoing commitment rather than a single encounter. In what practical ways can you be more intentional about making that kind of sustained investment in relationships with people who are spiritually mature?

» Researchers found that the people surrounding us influence our happiness, health, and even income. How does this reality challenge or affirm the seriousness with which you currently approach choosing the people you walk closest to?

» Solomon describes a friend who 'sticks closer than a brother' using the Hebrew word dabaq, meaning to cling with deep commitment – who in your life embodies that kind of loyalty, and what has their presence meant to you during a difficult season?

» Proverbs 27:5-6 teaches that open rebuke is better than hidden love and that wounds from a friend can be trusted. Is there an area of your life where you have been avoiding honest feedback, and what might it cost you to continue avoiding it?

» If everyone in your life agrees with you all the time, you have an audience rather than friends – what does it reveal about your humility and spiritual health if you find yourself resistant to correction from people who care about you?

» The number one use of AI for two consecutive years has been companionship. What does this trend reveal about the depth of the relational hunger in our culture, and how should the Church respond to it?

» The greatest decision you will ever make is to follow Jesus, and the best way to do that is together. Who in your life right now might be slipping and in need of someone to reach out, and what is holding you back from being that person for them?

NEXT STEPS:

Identify one person in your life and give them permission this week to speak honestly into your walk with Jesus. You can be direct: tell them you want someone who will tell you the truth, not just what you want to hear.

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