

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TEAM FOR YOUR DREAM

Choosing Your Future – Part 3

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Genesis 2:18 "It is not good for man to be alone"

1. FOUR KINDS OF PEOPLE YOU WILL NEED TO REACH YOUR DREAM

- 1.1.** Models who inspire you by their example.
- 1.2.** Mentors who will coach you.
- 1.3.** Partners who share the dream and work with you.
- 1.4.** Friends who love and pray for you.

1 Corinthians 3:6 "We work together as partners who belong to God."

2. WHY DO WE NEED A TEAM?

- 2.1.** To make up for our weaknesses.

Romans 1:12 "I want us to help each other with the faith that we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."

- 2.2.** To bring out the best in us.

Proverbs 27:17 "Just as iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen and shape each other."

- 2.3.** To get more done.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two people are always better than one, because they can accomplish more by working together."

- 2.4.** To help us when we stumble.

James 3:2 "We all stumble in many ways."

- 2.5.** To help us resist attacks and criticism.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 "By yourself, you're unprotected. An enemy can attack and defeat you. But two can stand back-to-back and resist, and a team of three is even better, like a triple-braided rope which does not break easily."

3. WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE SHOULD WE CHOOSE?

- 3.1.** Choose people who want to love and serve God.

2 Corinthians 6:14 "Don't team up with those who reject God."

1 Corinthians 15:33 "Don't be misled: Bad company corrupts good character."

3.2. Choose people who are committed to growing in character.

Proverbs 10:9 "People with integrity have a firm footing, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall."

Proverbs 3:34 "God has no use for conceited people..."

3.3. Choose people who do what's right even when it's hard.

Deuteronomy 12:28 "If you are careful to obey whatever God commands, then you will be doing what is right and good in God's eyes. Then, he will help you, and your children to be successful."

Psalm 34:19 "People who do what is right may have many problems, but the Lord will solve them all."

3.4. Choose people who handle criticism by focusing on God.

Matthew 5:10-12 "You should be happy when you're attacked and persecuted for doing what God has told you to do. It shows that you belong to the kingdom of Heaven. And God will bless you when people insult you, or hurt you, or say all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. Be happy and be glad because you will be given a great reward in heaven! People did these exact same things to God's prophets who lived long ago. You are the salt of the earth!"

3.5. Choose people who take bold risks in faith.

Acts 15:26 "Along with Paul and Barnabas, we're sending some men who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 13:36 "David served God's purpose in his generation, then he died."

Sermon Discussion Guide

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OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. Does it sometimes feel like you are going through life alone?
2. Do the relationships you have add value to your life?
3. Do you have models and mentors who inspire and coach you?
4. Can you be real and honest in your friendships?