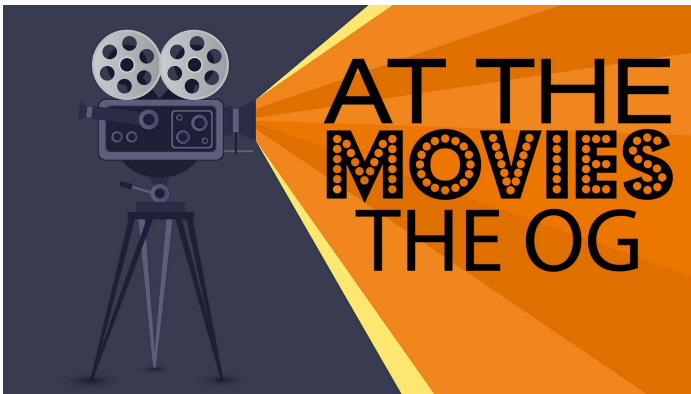


TAKE HOME SHEET



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What are some characteristics of a good friendship?

What are some characteristics of a bad friend?

How would you describe yourself as a friend?  
What are some healthy traits you have, and what are some characteristics you need to work on?

Where do you find it easiest to fall into the comparison trap?

When in your life have you felt ‘less than?’ What made you feel that way?

Describe a time when your jealousy drew you away from God?

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

Be joyful, pray, be thankful; this is what God wants for us. Which ones are easy, and which are hard? Why?

The challenge for the week was to expose the jealousy in your life, acknowledge what God has given you and give thanks for it, and find ways to encourage others. Take a few minutes to think through that assignment now. Where do you experience jealousy in your life? How can you move past it?

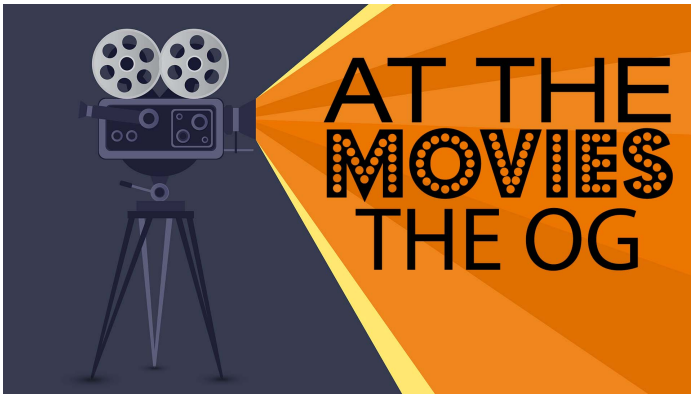
Write a list or paragraph of things God has given you, then say a prayer of thanks.

Who in your life needs encouragement right now? Make a plan of ways you can encourage them.

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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When we compare our lives to others, we oftentimes end up feeling less than.

*<sup>5</sup> Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike. <sup>6</sup> When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. <sup>7</sup> This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" <sup>8</sup> This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!" <sup>9</sup> So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.*

1 Samuel 18:5-9 (NLT)

Jealousy leads us away from the plan God has for our lives because we are so focused on obtaining what others have instead of appreciating what God has given us.

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So, encourage each other and build each other up ...  
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

Challenge:

- Expose the jealousy in your life.
- Acknowledge what God has given you and give thanks for it.
- Find ways to encourage others.