

Don't Travel Alone

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Proverbs 13:20

God created us for community.

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Gen. 1:26

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18

- **Don't isolate yourself.**

Our friends determine the direction and quality of our life.

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- **Remember... Friends who aren't careful with their lives won't be careful with your life.**
- **Don't pick up strangers.**

God shapes us not just by information, but by relationship.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25

- **Hold firmly to Jesus by being in relationship with others who have permission to speak truth into your life.**
- **Hold firmly to Jesus by being in relationship with others who will speak life into your life.**

Invite people into your community.

Let's Connect

- Do you have any summer travel plans? If so, what are they?

Let's Talk About It

We all want to make decisions to help us get the future right. Following a few rules for the road will help you get there on time and on purpose. One big travel rule is not to travel alone. God created us for community. We thrive when we're connected relationally with others in His church and run into trouble when we isolate ourselves. Your travel buddies will determine your trip's direction and quality, so choose your friends carefully. Hold firmly to Jesus and allow others to speak truth and life into your life. When you find your people, you find your purpose.

Proverbs 13:20; Genesis 1:26; Genesis 2:18; Hebrews 10:24-25

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Read Proverbs 13:20. How have you seen the truth of this proverb play out in your life and relationships?
- Read Genesis 1:26 & 2:18. If God created us for community with Him and others, why do we tend to drift and isolate ourselves? Is it easier for you to spend time with God or with others? Why are both essential to having a thriving relationship with Jesus? What work, time or risk can you take to build community with others in the church?
- Pastor Gregg said, "Friends who aren't careful with their lives won't be careful with your life." Is there anyone you're traveling with who is making you less healthy? Causing you to doubt God or yourself? Dismissive of your values? What do you plan to do about it?
- Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What area of your life do you need your community to speak truth into your life and provide encouragement, accountability, wisdom, guidance? Who can you encourage and invite into your community?

Take a Step

- Don't travel alone, don't pick up strangers. Do you need to strengthen your community of faith? Do you need to draw some boundaries with "strangers" you've picked up? Take a step this week.

Here's My Prayer

Thank You for creating me for relationship with you and community with others. Thank You for providing people in my life who will encourage, support, and challenge me. Please help me to give someone life-giving access to my life. I want to stay close to You. Reveal to me where I need to change. In Jesus' name, amen.