

Who Are You One Anothering?

Focused Living Ministries

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:12

This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. John 15:12



Relationships: Jesus modeled them. His one another commands assume them. We were created for them.

Take some moments to reflect on the following questions with a view to the man to man relationships in your life.

You get convicted by a sermon and know you need to change. To whom do you go to confess your sin and get encouragement for change?

You are clearly living a hypocritical life. You're "glossy" on Sundays and "pagan" on Mondays. Who will confront your lifestyle for your own good (and your family's good)?

Your family member is accused of a crime and it's wreaking havoc in your family. Where can you go for counsel to talk things through?

You are trying to bring your finances under the Lordship of Christ, but are not sure how. Who do you trust to know the details of your finances?

Your child gets sexually assaulted at school. Who do you call to vent?

You are interviewing for a job and need a solid personal reference. Who knows you really well?

You have some fears that you've never spoken to anyone about. Who can you trust as a safe listener?

You are in the midst of a season where you have to carry most of the weight of managing your family because your spouse can't do it right now. Who will come to your aid in some practical way?

You have a free block of time all to yourself and you feel like hanging out with some brothers. Who do you call?

You are determined to get physically healthier. What brother in your life would be the best accountability partner?

You are writing your will and you have to name guardians for your kids. What nonfamily member would you choose?

A home project requires another set of hands. Who do you call?

You need to drop off some stuff to your child in college three hours away. What brother would you like to invite to ride with you on this road trip?

A free vacation house just fell into your lap for a weekend. Who do you invite to go with you?

You are on your way to the hospital to visit a friend in a serious situation. Who do you call to pray for you over the phone?

You have a decision that will affect the direction of your life. Who do you use as a sounding board?

Apply/Discuss

As you reflected on the questions above, what did you learn about the health of your current relationships?

When have you experienced another brother strengthening your hands?

What do you need to be doing NOW to cultivate these strong relationships so you will have them when you need them the most?

What evidence is there that you are prioritizing another brother in your heart?

Whose spiritual success are you committed to besides your own?