

Better Together

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Starting Point

What is your why?

I desire authentic friendship so that _____

Take some time to think about and jot down the names of the people in your life right now.

Near and Dear	Close By/Less Close Tie
Dear and Far	Past Relational Disappointment or Hurt

In your life, what gets in the way of developing REAL friendships? (**R**elationship, **E**ncouragement, **A**ccountability, and **L**ove)

Next Steps

Look Up

Pray, pray, pray. Ask the Lord to lead you to your people. Tell Him all about your current situation, your struggles, your desires. Ask for courage to be vulnerable when you find a safe person to open up to. God orchestrates the coming together of friends. Our friends are gifts of God and we can pray that God would fulfill his plan and draw us into the friendships He has ordained for us. Also, pray to become an answer to someone else's prayer. We can't have what we aren't willing to become.

Look In

Those personal stumbling blocks that you identified...ask the Lord to change and grow you as you move through them.

Look Out

Notice who is already in front of you.

Be the initiator.

Get involved in something bigger than you - serve with others.

Surround yourself with people who share a common interest with you.

Pray and ask God to lead you to a woman who may be blessed by your friendship in this season of her life.

Worship with others, study God's word together, join a small group, a parenting group, a support group, etc.

Step in faith What's your next best first step? _____

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 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.

Scripture Passages

Genesis 2:18 Psalm 133 Ecc 4:7-12 Heb 10:19-25 Rom 12:1-21 Col 3:12-17 John 17:20-26 Luke 10:25-37 John 13:31-35 . Prov 18:24. Prov 17:17. 2: Cor