

RECEIVE #4 - HUDDLE. Friend/Mentor. Level 5 Friendship Huddles. Live in the Word

1. FRIENDS & MENTORS

Prov. 18:1 *Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.*

- “Every man needs 3 kinds of friends- a Paul, a Barnabus, a Timothy...” Howard Hendricks

JESUS WAY WITH MEN - FRIENDSHIP that _____ us.

- Committed, Personal, Proximity, Consistency, Honest, Open. _____ on the table.

John 15:14-15 *You are my friends if you keep on doing what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you My friends, because I have revealed to you everything that I have heard from My Father.*

- Prays to choose friends & disciples - Am I praying to choose mine?
- 3 Closest Friends - Peter, James, John. Shares experiences & opens up
- Shows up at parties- at Cana Wedding. Eats with Matthew & Zaccheus.
- Shows up at work - Fishing advice with Peter & John
- Goes deep - Faces Thomas' doubts & Peter's failure
- Shows weakness - Let's Thomas touch His wounds
- Unfazed by failure - Doesn't judge or disqualify
- Shows up in darkest hour & restores - Affirms Peter's love & leadership
- Bonds over food - Memories made at Last Supper & Communion
- Humbles Himself to serve & surprise - Washes feet & walks on lonely road
- Builds a band of brothers - Invites, mentors. asks questions, trains, deploys, refreshes
- Embraces adventure & experiences - Feeding 5,000
- Shows up in storms & trials - Walks on water, rescues Peter, campfire breakfast
- Prepares team for future challenges - Shoots straight & includes vision of victory

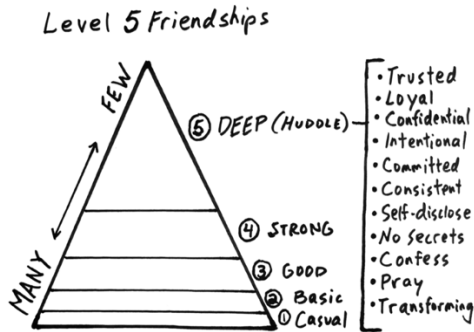
FRIENDSHIP IN THE BIBLE (*from Eccl. 4. Prov. 17:17; Prov. 27:17-18; Psalm 133. John 15*)

- *Two friends are stronger together than alone and three are stronger than two.*
- *They can help each other sharpen and protect their character.*
- *They can counsel each other for better choices with fewer mistakes.*
- *They support each other at all times and pick each other up in the toughest of adversity.*
- *God blesses unity and sacrificing love in committed friendship and brotherhood.*

VITAL COACHING FROM GOD

- Hebrews 10:24-25 *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*
- Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*
- Proverbs 4:23, 26 *Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.*

2. LEVEL 5 FRIENDSHIP. Huddling Consistently

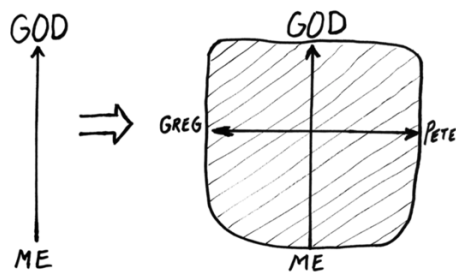


1. Casual Acquaintance - _____.
2. Basic Relationship - _____.
3. Good Friend - _____.
4. Strong Friend - _____.
5. Deep Friend - _____.

“Friendship is born at the moment when one man says to another, “What! You too? I thought that no one but myself...” -CS Lewis

James 5:16 *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

Horizontal Confession Grows Staying Power



- CONFESS Temptation & Sin Horizontally - Trigger Repentance & Holy Spirit Revival
- GO DEEPER - PERIMETER & RED DOTS. Available. Extraordinary

HUDDLE KEYS

- Trust & _____.
- Defined _____.
- Consistent & _____.
- Open & _____.
- Fun _____.

HUDDLE COACHING from *LEVEL 5 FRIENDSHIP PLAYBOOK* (what, how, hurdles, starting)

3 QUESTIONS

- "What's most important for you to talk about?"
- "Your biggest prayer?" PRAY RIGHT THEN
- "What did Father God show you in His Word this week?"

TRANSFORMING - Mutual Discipleship

- Huddle Tone = No judging. Invite self-disclosure. Gain self-awareness. Support spiritual growth
- Adds wisdom, accountability & prevents dumb stuff. Advances faith, character & relationships.

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Leaders, Pastors, Churches

Do I have two deepest trusted friends? Pray & Check In

3. LIVE IN THE GAME PLAN, THE WORD

John 15:5 Jesus said, *"I am the vine and you are the branches. If you abide in Me, with Me in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing"*.

Jeff's paraphrase: I, Jesus, am your complete source of life when you're attached to me so that My life, love, and truth flow into you and through you. When you stay connected and dependent upon Me, I develop in you good thoughts, emotions, motives, words, actions, responses, character, and relationships. I'll work through your life to generate positive influence and eternal impact. Just remember that when you try things on your own without Me, you cannot handle life or do anything that counts.

LISTEN to your Father IN HIS WORD for life _____ & _____

The Bible reminds me:

- I am His son.
- His love is all Grace, not earned. Forgiveness, Acceptance, & Approval are secure in Christ.
- Life's best only comes by trusting sovereign & perfect God

RESET AS A SON

- Approach God as Father
- Expect to hear from Abba anytime, each day
- Start day with Father, not phone. Focus 1-3 minutes on Father alone.
 - *Abba, take control of me and my day for Your purpose. Let me live as Your son and receive from You everything I think, pray, speak and do today.*
- Take a walk with Abba. Thank Him for being in control. Discuss all concerns with Him.
- Read the Bible as His son, asking and expecting to hear Him speak to you. Write it down.
- Ask Abba questions and to direct you in the Bible. Write questions and prayers.
- Soak in the full story of God's creative genius, humanity's fall, His rescue mission and victorious Kingdom.

NEXT STEPS Pray about what friends? Call. Grab *Level 5 Friendship Playbook*. Share it.

SESSION 4 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What part of Jesus as a friend is most impressive and needed for you?
2. What level and consistency are your closest friendships?
3. What aspect of Level 5 Friendship most appeals to you? Which most scares you?
4. How could you build trust and loyalty in a definitive and clear way?
5. Are you magnetized to reading the Bible? Do you do it as a Christian or as a son expecting to hear from His Abba Father?

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