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Text: Proverbs

Title: “A Friend Loves At All Times”

Big Idea: Friendship is Modeling the life of Jesus in relationship with each other.

1. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMPANY YOU KEEP

Read Proverbs 1:10 & 15, 4:14-15, 13:20, 22:24, and 27:17. What do these verses say about the kind of company we should keep? How do we reconcile this with the call to be in relationship with non-believers in such a way that we are faithful witnesses to them? **Read 1 Corinthians 5.**

2. SEEK COUNSEL, AVOID ISOLATION

The wise person recognizes that they don't have all the answers. They have a perspective on the world, but they do not have a corner on the market of wisdom. Consider Proverbs 18:17: “The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.”

Read Proverbs 15:22 and 27:29

On the opposite extreme of having “many advisors” are those who have none. Isolation is dangerous: “Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment” (18:1).

3. BEWARE FRIENDSHIPS BASED ON MONEY

Read Proverbs 14:20 and 19:4-7

4. BE A GOOD FRIEND

The overarching theme in Proverbs in regards to friendship is not so much how to choose good friends, but rather, how to *be* a good friend. Here are 5 things to glean:

1. BE A WISE COMPANION. **Proverbs 12:26**
2. BE FAITHFULLY PRESENT. **Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 20:6**
3. BE QUICK TO FORGIVE. **Proverbs 17:9, 10:12**
4. KILL GOSSIP. **Proverbs 11:13, 16:28, 17:9, 20:19**
5. SPEAK TRUTH. **Proverbs 27:5-6**

5. JESUS IS THE MODEL FRIEND.

Read John 15:12-13