

# Relationships

LAST A LIFETIME

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015

PART 6: BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS

## Level 1: C \_\_\_\_\_ Friends

1. These are people we casually associate with at the gym, work, church, or in our neighborhood and community.
2. We know them by “face and place” recognition.
3. This is the arena from which we will \_\_\_\_\_ deeper relationships.
4. This is the pond we “go \_\_\_\_\_ in” to win people to Christ.
  - Matthew 9:9-13

### GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL:

- ❖ We must \_\_\_\_\_ a connection beyond the current setting.
- ❖ We do random acts of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Level 2: C \_\_\_\_\_

1. This is a group of 10-12 people “\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Acts 2:42-47
2. We connect and engage on a \_\_\_\_\_ level.
3. We share common goals and interests.
4. We are often at the same \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of life.
5. They fill up our social calendar.

GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL:

- ❖ Discover those with whom you have a \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ A commitment of \_\_\_\_\_ and the building of trust.

### Level 3: C \_\_\_\_\_ Friends

1. This is a group of \_\_\_\_\_ friends that supersedes our other relationships.
2. Jesus' closest friends were Peter, James, and John.
3. We stand in \_\_\_\_\_ together during life's most difficult situations.

Luke 8:49-51 says, "While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. 'Your daughter is dead,' he said. 'Don't bother the teacher any more.' 50 Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, 'Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.' 51 When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother." NIV

Exodus 17:11-12 says, "As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. 12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—**SO that his** hands remained steady till sunset." NIV

4. There is complete transparency and \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 14:32-36: "They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 *'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death'* he said to them. 'Stay here and keep watch.' 35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 'Abba, Father,' he said, 'everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.'" NIV

GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL:

- ❖ Pray and ask God to reveal His \_\_\_\_\_ connection.
- ❖ Be willing to fulfill the call of God.

### Level 4: C \_\_\_\_\_ Friend

1. One of the greatest examples of this connection was Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ covenant between two people.

Matthew 19:5-7 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

3. This bond will even \_\_\_\_\_ our biological family relationships.

Proverbs 18:24: ". . . there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." NIV

1 Samuel 18:1-4: "After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. 2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. 3 And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt." NIV

4. There is the highest level of trust, confidentiality, and \_\_\_\_\_.

John 13:21-27

John 19:25-27: "Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Dear woman, here is your son,' 27 and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." NIV