



SeriesNotes



Part 5: Power of the Team | September 18-19, 2010

Main Point: We are hard-wired by God NOT to make it alone. God uses people to form people.

God's "best version of me" is doing life together with others, connected to the One who made us and connected to each other in life-giving ways. You will languish if you try to go it alone, if you are socially disconnected from other people.

What is the most stressing, tiring, depleting thing in your life? It's very likely other people. But, on the other hand, people can also be your greatest source of joy and energy. Relationships have great power; power to deplete us or power to energize us; power to drain us or power to fulfill us.

We actually need some life drainers in our lives. Difficult, demanding, draining people help us grow spiritually. They help mold and shape us. It's easy to love those who already love us, but draining people are much more challenging to love.

But, none of us can survive without life-giving people in our lives as well. These are the people who energize us, the people we want to be with, the ones we can be ourselves around.

From the beginning of time, God never intended for us to go through life alone. Do you have someone who is there for you? Are you connected or disconnected relationally?

Scriptures for today's message:

Romans 12:15. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. (NLT)

Hebrews 10:24. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. (NLT)

Hebrews 10:25. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near. (NLT)

Ephesians 2:19. So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. (NLT)

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Connectedness Inventory

1. **When something goes wrong, do I have at least one friend I can easily talk with about it?**
Yes No
2. **Do I have a friend I can drop in on at any time without calling ahead?**
Yes No
3. **Is there someone who could accurately name my greatest fears and temptations?**
Yes No
4. **Do I have one or more friends whom I meet with regularly?**
Yes No
5. **Do I have a friend I know well enough to trust their confidentiality?**
Yes No
6. **If I received good news like a promotion, do I have a friend I would call immediately just to let them know?**
Yes No

If you can't say yes to most of these questions, you may want to look for a small group to join, or invite someone out for coffee as a first step toward connecting.

CORE Connection

Don't forget our semi-annual, casual, get-acquainted event to help "connect" you with a CORE Group, 10-12 people who meet regularly to "do life together - God's way." Find out what CORE Groups are all about and meet facilitators who have openings in their group. Adults ages 25 and up, married or single, are invited to join us from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in The Gathering on Sunday, September 26th. If you plan to attend, please sign-up by going to our website, www.generationscc.com, or stop by the CORE Group kiosk in The Gathering. Childcare is provided for infants through 5th graders if requested with sign-up by September 20th.

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