

Rumble Strips

Riding Shotgun

It's hard to beat a good friendship. Friends are the people in our lives we get to choose to invest in. We are stuck with our friends like we are with our families. Because of that, these relationships carry with them their own unique sets of both blessings and challenges.

This week, we will explore what it looks like to establish health boundaries in our friendships.

Day 1 Read 1 Samuel 20

What sort of boundary issues do you see coming up in this passage? What can we learn from David and Jonathan about a great friendship?

Day 2 Read Matthew 7:1-14

Often, verses 7-12 are thought to be speaking about prayer and our dependence on God, but when read in its context, it seems to also address our commitment to one another. What does this say about how God prefers to work in our lives?

Day 3 Read James 2:12-19

What does this passage have to say about what our relationships should look like? Recall a time when you provided for someone in this way or they provided for you. How did that impact your feeling of closeness with God? Explain.

Day 4 Read Romans 14:13-23

What are potential stumbling blocks we can put in front of each other? How does this passage challenge you? How does it encourage you?

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Day 5 Read Proverbs 12

What wisdom can we glean from this proverb about addressing friction in our relationships? How open are you to correction? Explain.

Day 6 Read 1 Thessalonians 5

This passage was written to a community that was going through fierce persecution. What does it have to say about how we are to be there for one another? What does it mean to encourage one another?

Day 7 Read Hebrews 10:19-25

The phrase “good deeds” isn’t just referring to nice behavior, but it taps into the Jewish concept of partnering with God in making this world into the kind of place God intends it to be. How can we spur one another on towards that? Who in your life can you count on to do this for you? Who are you doing this for? What would it look like for you to be more intentional about this?

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