



Believing In the Basics (Vol. 2)

(The Power of Who You Let in Your Life)

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Statement: This is a topical sermon. I rarely preach these kind, but today I will.

Big Question: Who has or is influencing you?

Series Summary: Believing In The Basics – Parts 1-4

1. The Power of What You Believe About You (What are your basic views about you?)
2. The Power of What You Believe About the “SET” (Scripture, Eternity, and Time)
3. The Power of Who You Believe Should Be In Your Life (Who has or is influencing you?)
4. The Power of What You Believe You Should Plan (Where are you really going?)

Statement: The voices and people you let into your life will either move you closer to God’s plan or pull you away from it. Relationships are never neutral—they shape your direction, priorities, and even your destiny.

Text: Proverbs 13:20 “–Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”

I. The Impact of the Right and The Wrong People in Your Life

1. The Wrong People Can Corrupt the Right Plans

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 “–Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’”
- Judges 16:19–21 – Samson’s downfall came through the wrong influence (Delilah).
- Proverbs 1:10–15 “–My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them.”

2. The Right People Can Unlock God’s Purpose in You

- Exodus 18:17–24 – Jethro’s counsel helped Moses lead wisely.
- Ruth 1:16–17 – Ruth’s loyalty to Naomi positioned her for destiny.

Note: God often sends the right person to push you forward when you would have stayed stuck.

3. God Will Sometimes Remove People for Your Good

- Genesis 13:8–11 – Abram and Lot separate; after Lot leaves, God renews His promise to Abram.
- Judges 7:2–7 – God reduces Gideon’s army so the victory would be His, not theirs.
- 2 Timothy 4:14–17 – Paul notes those who abandoned him, yet God stood by his side.

Note: Not everyone who leaves your life is a loss—sometimes it’s God’s protection.

4. God Will Bring People Into Your Life to Help You Rebuild

- Nehemiah 2:17–20 – Nehemiah rallies people to rebuild the wall.
- Nehemiah 4:1–9 – He faced opposition from Sanballat and Tobiah, but chose to focus on those who supported the work.

Note: Nehemiah discerned which voices to listen to. Builders had his ear, scoffers did not.

II. Questions to Ask Before Letting Someone Speak Into Your Life

1. Does this person draw me closer to God or away from Him?

- Amos 3:3 “–Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?”
- **If their influence weakens your convictions, they don’t deserve your agreement.**

2. Does this person make me wiser or more foolish?

- Proverbs 13:20 “–Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”

3. Does this person encourage my purpose or distract me from it?

- Hebrews 10:24 “–And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”
- **True friends don’t just cheer you up; they push you forward.**



Closing Thoughts:

- Choose wisely who influences you.
- Walk with those who sharpen you.
- Let go of those God removes.

Next Time: The Power of What You Plan – Where are you really going?

