

INTENTIONAL: In My Friendships
Pastor Bill Bowers
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- Pastor Bill shared a quote, "Show me your friends, and I'll show you your future." How do you think your friends influence you? Can you remember and share some positive impacts friends have had on you in the past? Can you share some negative impacts?
- Are there warning signs in your friendships that might indicate that a certain friendship might not be a good idea to pursue? Can you name these warning signs? Are any of these warning signs you exhibit as a friend?
- What are some traits you recognize in some people that make them desirable friends? What traits might you be inclined to develop that could make you a desirable friend?
- We learned about three types of friends that every person needs. Do you have a friend that encourages and "pushes" you to become better? What type of "better" does this friend inspire in you? How are you an encourager and/or mentor that is helping a friend to become their best self?
- Another great type of friend is the one who helps you find spiritual strength; can you name a friend in your life who encourages you in this area of spiritual growth? Can you name specifically the things that this person does that helps you to find spiritual strength? Is there anyone in your life that you are helping grow in their spiritual walk? What is it that you do to help them in this way?
- The third type of friend we learned about is the one who tells you the truth. Is there a person whom you trust to tell you the truth? Are you able to hear truth from this person without personalizing it to the extent that can avoid getting angry or offended with your friend? How does it make you feel when a friend speaks difficult truth to you? How do you respond to them?
- Are there any points from the teaching today that move you to respond in any way? If yes, what type of response do you feel led to make? What area of your life is this addressing? Give thanks to God for His grace and His Word today.

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