

FINDING YOUR TRIBE

Day One – The Power of Your Circle

Scripture: *"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."*
— *Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)*

We've all heard the saying, *"Show me your friends and I'll show you your future."* The people closest to you—your circle—play a bigger role in your faith, your mindset, and your peace than you might realize. The truth is, not everyone deserves front-row seats in your life. Some people are meant to wave from the balcony.

God never intended for us to walk alone, but He also didn't tell us to carry everyone with us. Some folks drain your spirit instead of feeding it. Others cheer for you when you win, pray for you when you struggle, and speak truth when you need to hear it. Those are your people.

Think about Jesus—He ministered to the multitudes, but He only kept twelve close. And even among them, there was an inner three (Peter, James, and John). He loved everyone, but He was intentional about His circle. That's wisdom we can all learn from.

When you know who your people are, you don't have to question their loyalty. They don't compete, compare, or criticize—you can simply be *you*. These are the friends who show up with prayer, a listening ear, and a casserole when life gets messy. They're the ones who say, *"Let's pray,"* not, *"Let's gossip."*

If you find yourself surrounded by drama, chaos, or constant negativity, it might be time to check your circle. You can still love people from a distance. Protecting your peace doesn't mean you don't care—it means you've learned to value what God's given you.

Reflection:

Who are the people in your life that make you better, draw you closer to God, and speak life into your soul? And just as importantly—who might you need to love from a distance?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to recognize the people You've placed in my life for purpose. Give me wisdom to build healthy relationships and courage to step back from those that steal my peace. Surround me with people who sharpen me and strengthen my walk with You. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen.