

FINDING YOUR TRIBE

Day Two – The Ones Who Stay

Scripture: *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." — Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)*

Life has a way of revealing who's really in your corner. When everything's going right—the promotions, the smiles, the celebrations—people tend to gather. But let a storm roll in, and you'll quickly see who sticks around to hold the umbrella.

True friends aren't just present when it's convenient; they're the ones who *stay* when it's costly. They don't need an explanation when you're quiet, and they don't disappear when life gets messy. They don't just post "praying for you" on social media—they actually *pray*.

When Jesus faced His hardest moments, many of His followers scattered. Yet even as He hung on the cross, a few stayed near—the ones who truly loved Him. Loyalty isn't about being perfect; it's about showing up, standing firm, and staying connected when life shakes the ground beneath your feet.

It's easy to confuse proximity for loyalty—just because someone is around you doesn't mean they're *with* you. Some people only come for what you offer, not who you are. Others, the ones sent by God, come because they love your soul. They'll stand in prayer when you can't find words, and they'll help carry you when your faith feels weak.

You don't need a crowd. You just need a few steady hearts—people who know your flaws, your story, your past, and still choose to stay. These are the “lifers,” the friends who see your brokenness and don't run from it.

Maybe this season has shown you who those people are—or maybe it's shown you who they aren't. That's okay. Every person plays a role in your story, but not every person is meant for every chapter. Thank God for the ones who stayed, forgive the ones who left, and trust Him to bring new people into your life who are rooted in love, not convenience.

Reflection:

Who are the people in your life who have stayed through your hard seasons? How have they reflected God's faithfulness to you?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the people who stay when others walk away. Teach me to value loyalty the way You do. Help me to be that kind of friend—faithful, loving, and steady—just as You are to me. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen.