

**2024**

# **Calls**



**FRIENDSHIP**



**Living Out God's Call in our Close Relationships**

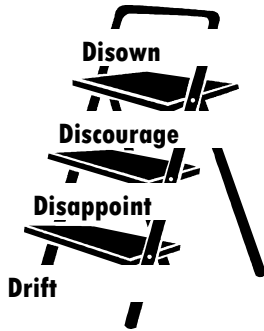
# CLOSE Calls

LIVING OUT GOD'S CALL IN OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS

Weekend of February 23, 2013 **FRIENDSHIP: TAKE INITIATIVE**

## MESSAGE OUTLINE

### RISK OF FRIENDSHIP

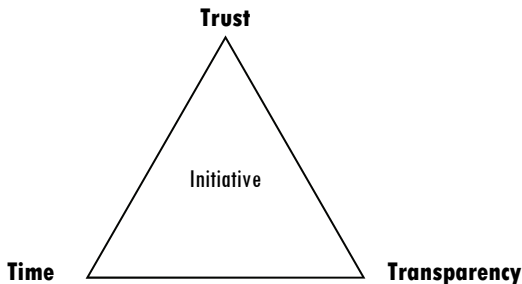


### VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP

Tried and True

- Hushai (*2 Samuel 15:30-37; 17:5-23 & 1 Chronicles 17:33*)
- Jesus (*John 15:15*)
- Gospel (*Romans 5:6-11*)

### STRATEGY OF FRIENDSHIP



## MESSAGE BASED SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Which of the 4 risks of friendship do you identify with most?
2. When you think about friendship 'drift', why do you think there is one person who initiates and keeps the friendship going and another who simply enjoys the friendship? How does following Jesus challenge people to be initiators?
3. Many of us have experienced friendship dissolve. Describe the feelings and thoughts we have when this happens.
4. What do you think when you read 1Chron. 27:33 and see Hushai listed among the 'greats' in David's entourage? What does this say about the value of friends?
5. When you read 2Sam 15:30-37; 17:5-23 what are some characteristics of friendship that are displayed in Hushai?
6. When we understand the Bible as saying a friend is someone who mourns when we mourn, puts their own interests aside for us, and takes real risks so we can succeed – how does this help us understand John 15:15 where Jesus is called our friend?
7. How does Romans 5:6-11 show us the importance of friendship?
8. We all need a friendship strategy – a plan on making and sustaining relationships in our busy lives. How do trust, time, & transparency help us not only to evaluate our friendships, but to become better friends as well.
9. Share some ideas about what it means to be transparent in a friendship? How much time is enough time? How does Jesus' example to us help us trust others even when they fail us (*cf., Lk 22:54-62; John 21*).