

Week of March 25

Focus: No More Excuses - Chapter 12

Theme: No More Playing the Lone Ranger (There is no "I" in team)

Scripture Memory: Gen. 2:18

### **Overview:**

We aren't made to go it alone and yet our sinful nature can tell us, "we can do it solo, we are the only ones willing to do it, or we could get it done quicker." Men generally have acquaintances that are used to leverage their own sinful desire. When we have exhausted those resources, we cut ourselves off from those acquaintances, and develop new ones. This was not a part of the original design, and we must take the lead in building eternal relationships for Christ's sake and not our own.

### **Daily Devotions (Scripture & Meditation):**

- **Monday:** Gen. 2:18
  - Are your relationships out of convenience or rooted in building up the Kingdom on earth as it will be in Heaven?
  - Do you embrace vulnerability and confide in others, such as your spouse or others? Most importantly, how often do you confide in God?
  - Look back at your life through a biblical lens. Is there growth? Why or why not?
  - What changes will you make today in building relationships instead of acquaintances?
  
- **Tuesday:** 1 Cor. 12:12-27
  - After reading the passage for today, how have you been an impediment to building others up?
  - How can you be a better team player for the Kingdom of God?
  
- **Wednesday:** John 15:14
  - Jesus knew exactly who was going to betray Him, deny Him, and leave Him, but He said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you."
  - How well are you loving God and loving your neighbor today?
  - What changes will you make in being a friend of Christ so others can know Him through you?
  
- **Thursday:** Hebrews 10:24-25
  - After reading the passage above, explain the importance of corporate worship?
  - Would others consider you a man of encouragement? Why or why not?
  - What changes will you make to become a man of encouragement?
  
- **Friday:** Galatians 6:1-2
  - After reading this passage, explain how this passage differs from your experiences regarding the church and correction within the body?
  - How can you encourage restoration instead of judgment towards your sin or others' sin towards you?
  - What changes will you make to become a man of restoration?

- **Saturday:** Ecclesiastes 4:12
  - Do you have a Paul (mentor), Barnabas (encourager), and a Timothy (mentee) within your life?
  - Which one are you?
  - What changes will you make to strive to be the right man at the right time to those around you?
  
- **Sunday (Accountability Day):** 1 Samuel 18:3-4
  - Ask a brother about the scripture memory for the week to keep each other accountable.

**Weekly Challenge:**

Build a stronger covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ today. Through Christ, be vulnerable to begin building eternal relationships instead of leveraged acquaintances. Commit to building at least 1 relationship with an accountability partner by the end of the year.