

Find Freedom
Friends We Need

Proverbs 13:20

Introduction - A wise man once said “show me your friends and I will show you your **FUTURE**”

I. Why is this so **DIFFICULT**?

- People are working more (life is more expensive)
- People are moving more frequently (go where the jobs are)
- People are getting divorced more often (commitment and loyalty issues??)
- People are talking more online and less in person (there is good and bad to this)

II. Job’s **TOXIC** friends

- After losing everything but his breath, Job’s “friends” show up
- Eliphaz’s error - Job 4:7-8
- Bildad’s blunder - Job 8:20; 8:4
- Zophar’s mistake - Job 11:6
- Yet Job refused to yield to their simplistic reasoning; pain over purpose

III. David’s **RIGHTEOUS** friends

- We need these three types of friends to reach our God-given potential

- Samuel - A friend to challenge us and bring out our best - 1 Samuel 16:7, 12; Proverbs 27:17
- Jonathan - A friend to help you find strength in God and grow in faith - 1 Samuel 23:15-16
- Nathan - A friend to tell the truth even when we don't want to hear it - 2 Samuel 12:5-7; Proverbs 27:5-6
- We are all one friend away from a better ...

Conclusion - **CONNECTING** with someone in a Small Group could potential change the story you tell one day.