**Intentional Relationships: 4 Friendship Hacks for Better Friendships and Dates**

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***"...It is not good for man to be alone." - Genesis 2:18***

**1 - Ask more questions than you answer.** When you ask deeper questions beyond their favorite dessert or vacation spot, you are saying, I am interested in knowing more about you. Our friendship is important to me. And if you aren’t sure what to ask, we suggest reading Chapter 10 in our study and using the 650 questions in the back of the book just to get you started.

**2 - Seek advice. It demonstrates trust and respect.** We need each other, especially those friends walking with the Lord, seeking Him daily, and growing in their faith. We need wise friends to hold us accountable and to reveal our blind spots. So, next time you are together, be intentional in asking for their advice.

**3 - Pursue them. It shows love and care.** Anything worth having requires pursuit. We have no problem pursuing the things of this world that are temporal, such as our homes, education, career, money, our bodies, and unhealthy relationships. However, pursuing what God desires can be difficult, especially when it involves the heart. No one wants to be rejected. Pray and ask God who He would have you pursue and for what reason. Ask Him how to do it that would honor Him and the other person.

**4 - And encourage them with compliments, laughter, and support.** Encouragement and support can go a long way when they're sincere. It can lift you out of a bad funk, reveal the truth of your identity in Christ, and be used as a weapon against the enemy. And hey, it doesn’t hurt to add a joke here or there in the midst.

We can all be a little more intentional.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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