

Reach for Truth

Ready:

“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” -- 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Set

There's nothing more effective than a team that moves and acts as one unit. The teams where each player knows his or her role and embraces it, where coaches unify their players to play for the bigger picture and the field is full of a relaxed and confident atmosphere. These teams know their purpose and give their best for one another.

The same can be said for the importance of finding teammates in our daily faith walk. We need to come alongside each other to stand firm on the foundation of God, build one another up and be unified in Christ.

Having others alongside us as we journey deeper into our faith not only stretches us to grow closer to God, but it also challenges us to step out of our comfort zones as we apply God's truth to our lives.

Accountability Calls Us to a Higher Standard

Having someone who can point out temptations or call us out on our behavior while pointing us to God's Word moves our mindset back to truth and helps us stay there. If we know we have another person backing us up or who is going to ask how we responded to a certain situation, it gives us pause to take a step back and think about how we want to respond.

Accountability Inspires

Think about the people in your life whom you admire. What qualities or attributes are you drawn to? Chances are those qualities didn't just appear one day but are the product of years in God's Word, prayer, church and guidance from others. Those who represent Jesus to us shine as magnets that draw us in with a desire to let our own light shine out of our lives.

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It's easy to stay focused only on what is good for you. But our own efforts only last so long and have so much “power.” When we're fueled by the power of Christ and the fellowship of other believers, however, our faith has ample opportunity to grow and reach farther than it ever could if we were going alone.

Accountability is intentional. No one is going to force their way into your life; it's a choice to

take carefully thought-out steps towards a person who exemplifies the life of Christ.

Go

- Who in your life has inspired you in your faith walk?
- If you don't have an accountability partner, who could you invite to be one?
- How is God calling you to a higher standard today?

Workout

Psalms 133:1; Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 10:25

Overtime

"Lord God, thank You that You don't leave us to walk this world alone. Thank You for Your presence and for the people You put in our lives to encourage, challenge and spur us on. I long to grow in faith and hope and to be a source of encouragement to others. Keep my eyes on You and my heart tuned to Your voice. Amen."

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