



# WHO HAS A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE?

## *Designing Godly Friendship*



### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

- 1 Samuel 18:1–4
- Proverbs 13:20
- Proverbs 27:17
- Job 2:11–13
- John 15:13–15



### DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

Not everyone has a seat at your table. And that's not harsh... it's wisdom.

Because relationships are not neutral. They shape:

- your thinking
- your decisions
- your direction

→ your friendships are often a preview of your future.



### THE TABLE MATTERS

As women walking with God, we are called to be intentional about who we allow close.

Not out of pride... but out of purpose.

Because who sits at your table will influence:

- how you grow
- how you respond
- how you walk with God



### THE GREATEST FRIENDSHIP

Jesus said:

*"I no longer call you servants...  
→ I have called you friends."*

He is:

- a faithful friend
- a present friend
- a covering friend

And when every other relationship falls short... → **He remains.**



### WHAT THE BIBLE SHOWS US ABOUT FRIENDSHIP



#### 1. COVENANT FRIENDSHIP (DAVID & JONATHAN)

David and Jonathan's relationship wasn't casual.

→ it was rooted in loyalty, honor, and alignment with God

- protects your calling
- supports your growth
- remains faithful even in difficulty



#### 2. GODLY INFLUENCE (SAMUEL)

Samuel served as a voice of truth and direction.

Not every relationship is for closeness—some are for guidance

→ You need people who will tell you the truth, not just affirm your feelings.



#### 3. LOVING CORRECTION (JESUS & PETER)

Jesus loved Peter deeply—but also corrected him.

→ real friendship doesn't avoid truth  
it delivers it in love.



#### 4. MISALIGNED VOICES (JOB'S FRIENDS)

Job's friends showed up—but spoke wrongly.

→ presence alone is not enough  
influence matters

Not everyone who is with you is equipped to speak into you.



### UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIP ROLES

Not everyone is meant to function the same way in your life.

- **friends** → walk closely with you
- **advisors** → speak wisdom into your life
- **assignments** → people you are called to pour into
- **associates** → connected, but not deeply influential

→ **wisdom is knowing the difference.**



### WHAT MAKES A GODLY FRIEND?

According to Scripture, a true friend:

- sharpens you (Proverbs 27:17)
- walks in wisdom (Proverbs 13:20)
- speaks truth in love
- encourages your faith
- aligns with God's standard



### FINAL REFLECTION

The question isn't just:

→ Who is at your table?

But also:

→ What are they producing in your life?

Because the right relationships don't just feel good...

→ they help you grow.



### JOURNAL PROMPT

Who currently has a seat at my table?

Are my relationships aligning me with God—or pulling me away from Him?

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### PRAYER

Father,

Give me wisdom in my relationships.

Help me to discern who You have called to walk closely with me and who is meant to remain at a distance.

Teach me to be a godly friend—one who encourages, sharpens, and reflects You well. And above all, remind me that my greatest friendship is with You.

Amen.

