

Series Name: 'The 24 Things That You Are Doing Right and How To Use Those Things To Deepen Your Relationship with Christ

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Message: Who Says That Men Cannot Have Meaningful Friendships?

From the book 'The Man in the Mirror': Men suffer from 'friendship deficit; and do not have 2 or 3 close friends who they can turn to when times get tough

David and Jonathan had a covenant;
1 Samuel 20:4 – 'Whatever you want me to do, I will do for you'



Job 5:8 – Eliphaz says to Job: "But as for me, I would seek God and I would place my cause before God"

Job 8:5 Bildad says to Job: "If you would seek God"

Mariano Rivera speaking of Jorge Posada and Derek Jeter: "They make me better than I am"

"A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity"
(Proverbs 17:17)

"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother"
(Proverbs 18:24)

'Pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up'
(Ecc 4:9-10 and 12)

'A friend keeps us on track'

... faithful are the words of a friend ... (Proverbs 27:6 and 9)

'As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17)

'There is a friend who is closer than a brother' (Proverbs 18:24)

Describe a situation that required forgiveness for a person?

What area have you surrendered to the Lord this year, and what area are you clutching to?

We all have moments that define us for the long term.

What was your most defining moment in '06 ?

Why was it so defining?

What do you see as its long term affects?

What do you value as a man?

As a husband?

As a worker?

As a Christian?

Finish this sentence:

'When I am in conflict I ...

- retreat withdraw escalate pacify belittle
- emotionally shut down control go into denial
- become passive aggressive use avoidance

NOW – when you are in conflict how do you wish you would/could react? Are your priorities consistent with Scripture? Is your relationship with God growing?

And finally ... who is YOUR Jorge Posada; Jonathan or Bildad?

How will you make him better than he is?

