

FRIENDS – 2 OF 4 One Friend Away

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SHOW ME YOUR FRIENDS, AND I'LL SHOW YOU YOUR FUTURE.

²⁰Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.
--Proverbs 13:20 NIV

YOU MIGHT BE ONE FRIEND AWAY FROM CHANGING THE COURSE OF YOUR DESTINY.

²⁶When [Saul] came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.
--Acts 9:26-28 NIV

THREE TYPES OF FRIENDS EVERY PERSON NEEDS

1. SAMUEL: A FRIEND WHO MAKES YOU BETTER.

12...Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. --1 Samuel 16:12-13 NIV

¹⁷As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

-- Proverbs 27:17 NLT

2. JONATHAN: A FRIEND WHO HELPS YOU FIND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH.

¹⁵While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. ¹⁶ And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. --1 Samuel 23:15-16

3. NATHAN: A FRIEND WHO TELLS YOU THE TRUTH.

7Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" -- 2 Samuel 12:7 NIV