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Warm Up

By being in relationship with people who challenge our mentality, we can push beyond the cultural comfort of mediocrity and exceed our own expectations for ourselves, accomplishing more than we ever thought possible. When we partner with people who stretch us spiritually, we are able to receive more of God's blessing as we grow in our faith. People who wholeheartedly support us help us stay focused in pursuit of our dreams, keeping our eyes fixed on the end goal. Friends who help us think strategically mitigate risks and help us take effective steps toward our dreams. And lastly, with the support of people who propel us supernaturally, we are able to walk in God's strategic plan that will ultimately propel us into our divine destiny. Let's examine our relationships closely and intentionally partner with people who will help us accomplish God's dreams for our lives!

Into The Bible

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." - Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

- Talk about a time when God used a positive relationship in your life to help you overcome a challenge you were facing. Share how they supported you

during that time. From this, what did you learn about the value of relationships?

- There five characteristics we need to see in our closest friendships: challenges your mentality, stretches you spiritually, supports you wholeheartedly, helps you think strategically and propels you supernaturally. Share which of these is most evident in your current relationships and how has that characteristic made a difference in your life.
- Discuss this quote: "Insulation is not isolation" then share how the idea of insulation affects the way you share your dreams with others. Who in your life has proven that they are trustworthy with your dreams?

Application

Do an honest assessment of your closest friendships, and invest in the relationships that will truly support you as your pursue God's dreams for your life. Pray for wisdom to discern if you have any relationships that are detrimental to your purpose. Look for opportunities to support your friends in their God-given dreams. Believe, wholeheartedly, that God will use your relationships to accomplish the impossible .

Prayer Focus

Thank God for the blessing and power of friendships, and praise Him for the healthy relationships you have in your life. Ask Him for the ability to discern the difference between the supportive and detrimental relationships in your life. Ask Him to bless you with life-giving relationships, and pray for heightened awareness of how you can better serve your friends as they pursue God's dreams for their lives. Thank Him in advance for continuing to work relational miracles on your behalf.