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Importance of good friends

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Romans 1:8-12 (ESV) First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Deuteronomy 34:9 (ASV) And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as Jehovah commanded Moses.

1 Timothy 4:11-16 (ESV) Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Paul’s ministry in Timothy was through impartation as much as teaching. They are already impacting the world, but they are not yet “established”. How much life happens on life through friendship and relationship. There are things you can’t get through just talking. Kris is talking about living and working in the same room to come under the other person, the one who is higher in anointing than you are. Some questions were really sad. How do they submit to that person?

I can’t submit to someone that isn't noble, I can submit to the office; policeman cannot be noble, I will submit to their office.

Leadership: they're out in front, I am following. If I am a student, I have a teacher. There are a lot of things that are taught, but some things are only received by a deep respect for people had. 85% of people has been abused by leadership. We have an extra challenge: we’ve trusted leaders and they have let us down.

How perfect does somebody need to be before I follow you? Today in class 2 people ask: Different country, immoral stuff. Don’t follow get out of that church call the police and have everybody that you can get to come with you. Fro you it might be different than my point. But we all have a point where someone is not leading anybody.

There is no such thing as a perfect leader. There has to be room for people to take risk, be different. I can take the bar high that I apply that level to everybody. All I can get is information, I don’t want relationship. Not much passes if you don’t respect people that lay hands on you.