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# Good News for Hard Heads, Part 8: Frienemies

## Story the Changing Tide of Friendships

### Question: Is it possible that our greatest detriment could be Frienemies?

What is a “Frienemy”? Being a frienemy has nothing to do with Ill-Intent.

♦ A Frienemy is a person with whom you share the feelings and interactions of a friendship, but they have a negative net impact on your life.

*2 Corinthians 6:14* “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”

### God warns us about being yoked with people who are moving in a different direction.

What is a “yoke”?

♦ A yoke is a device that binds animals together harnessing their combined strength and forces them to move in the same direction, at the same time and, the same pace.

### Examples of yoked relationships?

Obvious relationships include marriage and dating relationships and business partnerships.

Less obvious relationships include roommates and friendships.

### The instruction of scripture is that we should be deliberate about who we allow into the different yokes in our life.

We must love people and reach out to connect with people who don’t know Jesus; but we need to be deliberate about the role we allow those people to have in our lives.

### We must recognize and plan for the impact of other people on our lives.

*Proverbs 13:20* “Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”

Foolish friends suck all kinds of harm into our lives:

- ♦ Addiction
- ♦ Drama
- ♦ Poor perspectives
- ♦ Low standards and expectations

### We are all temples, devoted to the worship of something.

*2 Corinthians 6:16* “What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.”

This scripture is telling us that every human being is a temple to something. What a person's temple is devoted to, determines the direction they pull in life.

**God designed you to be communal by nature.**

You are like a ship with a great sail, relationships are winds in that sail. We get to choose our winds! Be deliberate. Walk with the wise and be wise.

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