



Spiritual Friendship

Though the phrase, “spiritual friendship” is not found in the Bible, we see it modeled again and again on the pages of Scripture.

- “Sometimes we need to see the Christian life lived out; we need to stand in the presence of the genuine article, not just be told about it” (Timothy Jones).
- “As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17 NLT).

What is a spiritual friend?

- An intimate, life giving friend who helps me pay attention to God (John Ortberg).
- This kind of friendship does not just happen... we need to intentionally pursue it.

Why do I need a spiritual friend?

- Created to live in community
- Discern areas for spiritual growth
- To experience soul-deep healing

What are the characteristics of a good spiritual friend?

- Availability
- Vulnerability
- Focus on growth

I begin a spiritual friendship with a commitment to...

- Prayer
- Of your heart
- To the process
- To honestly telling your story