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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Spiritual friendships are God's plan for your life. **HEAD CHANGE:** To need and want deep friendship is not a sign of spiritual immaturity but of maturity.

HEART CHANGE: Get back to people rather than get back at people.

LIFE CHANGE: Commit to deep spiritual friendships especially when it's hard.

OVERVIEW

A Practice to Repair Broken Relationships

When someone wrongs us, it is tempting to want revenge. But in order to repair a relationship, we must fight the urge to get back AT, and instead be proactive in getting back TO the other person. Repairing a relationship requires someone to initiate, regardless of who's to blame for the fallout. There is a simple prayer you can learn to help you take that first step: "Heavenly Father, help me to see _____ the way you do. Help me feel toward _____ what you feel."

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 2:5 (NIV)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated?
- 2. In this message Jordan states, "We're only as happy as our core relationships are healthy." Have you experienced this in your own life? When your core relationships are struggling, how does it impact the other areas of your life?
- 3. When your relationships begin to get rocky, what is your first reaction? Are you more passive, reactive, or proactive? Explain?
- 4. Ask yourself, "Is there someone in my life I need to forgive and get together with to repair the damage that has been done?"
 - a. What needs to be true in your life for you to take that first step back?
 - b. What can you do today to get there?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, we cannot do any of this without You. Thank You for revealing the finished work of Jesus to us. May we live with a greater understanding of your grace and approval on our lives because of what Jesus has done. If there are any areas of our lives that are captured by pride, reveal that to me now. I repent and ask for your humility to walk with you and obey you in response to your love and grace toward me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!