

TAKE HOME [7] FIND A MENTOR

Think of a mentor like a personal trainer. Without others around us, speaking wisdom and giving clarity we may well find ourselves floundering in our faith.

In a new work place you might be given someone who walks you through your new roll and the company expectations. If you join a course you might have someone who sits with you and supports you as you study and learn. In many walks of life we have these mentors who help direct and support us in new things. A mentor is a wise and trusted counselor or teacher who helps point us in the right direction and models a practice we need to learn:

The Bible gives us numerous examples of mentoring. In Exodus 18 Moses was mentored by his father-in-law, Jethro. In 1 Samuel 1-4 we see the mentoring relationship between Eli and Samuel. Eli prepared Samuel for the tasks and responsibilities that were his after Eli's death. In the gospels we see Jesus mentoring his disciples to lead and minister like Him.

A mentor is there to help and support us in our learning. In some instances, the church has become the focus on Sundays as the place we show people the life of Jesus but in the Bible we see Jesus investing in people every day and every moment. Even a wedding is an opportunity for Jesus to show his disciples what is possible with him.

As you take new steps to grow in faith, spend time with a wiser, disciplined Christian who can keep your growth on track. A good mentor, you might call them a spiritual friend, will help answer questions, model a life with Jesus and give you clear direction.

When we become Christians we can have multiple questions, worries and doubts. Having a mentor will give you space to ask questions, talk about your worries and pray for your doubts.

NOTE: Most church leaders cannot personally support everyone that needs mentoring in their community. But every community has elders and seasoned Christians who can speak into your life. Take the opportunity to learn everything and be with someone who can show you everything they can. It's better to learn from those who have done this before than make all the same mistakes other Christians have made.

HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT MENTOR?

Finding the right person with whom you work things through with is key to growing in faith. We encourage you to approach your local church leader or a good Christian friend to help find the right person for you. Tell them you want someone to walk with you in these early days. Take this week to start these conversations to find the right person.



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