

Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith – PROVIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Proverbs 13:20, 1 Corinthians 15:33, Acts 2:42-44,
Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 1:11-12

Relationships always impact our faith, for good or for bad. We can trust God to bring people into our lives whose influence can help our faith grow strong, if we allow that to happen.

Discussion Questions

1. Looking back, are there people you feel God providentially brought into your life at crucial times? Who are they, and how did God use them? Also, how have you seen God do this in the lives of your family members or your friends?
2. Can you recall a time when it seemed God brought someone across your path who could have helped you, but you resisted the relationship?
3. Are there people who would say God providentially dropped you into their lives?
4. In Proverbs 13:20, what's the promise to those who "walk with the wise"? And what is the consequence of "being a companion of fools"?
5. Notice that the first half of Proverbs 13:20 highlights what a person becomes ("wise") through associating with wise people, while the second half of the verse highlights what will happen ("suffer harm") through associating with fools. What is the significance of that distinction, based on your own life experiences? In other words, why doesn't that verse say, "He who walks with the wise becomes wise, but a companion of fools becomes a fool"?
6. I often tell our students, "Your friends will determine the direction and quality of your life." Was that true for you when you were in school? And how valid is that statement for you now?