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Uncommon Brotherhood

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What is Brotherhood?

- Fellowship, Fraternity, Guild, Association, Best Friends, Brothers

Examples from the screen:

1. Ren & Stimpy
2. SpongeBob & Patrick
3. Cory & Shawn
4. Wayne & Garth
5. Batman & Robin
6. Han Solo & Chewbacca
7. Stranger Things
8. Avengers

Examples from the Word:

1. David & Johnathan
2. Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
3. Paul & Timothy, Paul & Silas
4. Jesus & Peter/James/John

Why should brotherhood be important to me?

1. Brotherhood was important to Jesus! – they needed each other. If you think you are ok, fine, but someone else may need you too.
 - a. Did Jesus have the 12 or the 3 (Peter, James & John) for himself? Them? The world? I think its all 3 scenarios. Unlike Jesus though, we are not perfect and we need other Godly men to help fill in the gaps and make the body of Christ stronger.
 - b. **MATTHEW 5:47 – If you are nice only to your friends, you are no better than other people. Even those who don't know God are nice to their friends.**
2. Brotherhood leads to maturity!
 - a. Enduring hardships – marriage, parenthood, work **PROVERBS 17:17 – A friend loves you all the time, and a brother helps in times of trouble.**
 - i. Having someone to talk to when things go wrong. Can help you focus on the positive or help you put things into perspective. Potentially just walk with you through the valley.
 - b. Becoming stronger, covering blindspots, iron sharpening iron **PROVERBS 27:17 – As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other.**
 - i. Over the years, there is a give and take, constant building up (Nate & I)
 - c. Encouragement – being filled back up **PROVERBS 12:18 – Careless words stab like a sword, but wise words bring healing.**
 - i. For me, having someone that can get you pumped up or help you overcome negative feelings is essential. Many times, I will have the wrong motivation around an event and Nate help me see the real purpose.
 - d. Challenge – hard to challenge someone you are not close to. **PROVERBS 27:6 – The slap of a friend can be trusted to help you, but the kisses of the enemy are nothing but lies.**

DREW BREES – Look at the brother next to you, that’s what its all about. Its what we love most about football, its what I appreciate most about this game. I’m in my 19th season in the NFL, never in my wildest dreams did I think I could play that long and be apart of so many great teams and develop so many great relationships. That’s what I think about...I’ve got brothers, and I’ve got them everywhere! I play for them, they play for me! They’ve counted on me, I’ve counted on them...and we’ve accomplished great things together.

How can I build brotherhood in my life?

1. Spend time in the locker room! (Sharing Life)
 - a. Sharing life with someone is more than small group, church or events; it’s the every day grind, dinners with the family, working on cars, watching sports, playing games, etc.
 - i. Spending time together in prayer, bible study, etc.
 - b. Sharing life has to be intentional! We can all make excuses every day and find ourselves back together on Sunday saying ‘man we need to hang more’ and then it doesn’t happen. Brotherhood does not happen on accident. You and your wife didn’t get married on accident.
 - c. Who are you spending time with? Why are you spending time with them?
2. Block for my teammates! (Mentally and emotionally invest in my brothers)
 - a. Teammates! We’re on the same team! Same end-zone! I’m here to help my teammates, not hinder them.
 - b. Honesty – being real/raw, not always polished and at your best. Do you have people around you where your not afraid for them to see who you really are.
 - c. Vulnerability – open and honest. Most men would be surprised how similar they are in how they think and feel with regards to life.
 - i. Out of fear of looking weak or incompetent, men will tend to not share feelings or ask for help. Many times, we have all been there. Can’t build real brotherhood if you don’t expose who you really are
 - d. Humility – its not about you. The minute its all about me, the team loses!
 - i. Do you let anyone speak into your life?
 - ii. **HEBREWS 12:1 – We are surrounded by a great cloud of people whose lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up.**
3. Tackle Defeat and Celebrate Victories! (Stick with the team, don’t give up!)
 - a. Life is always going to have lows and highs, in a brotherhood, you’re always there for both!
 - b. **ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10,12 – two are better than one, because they get more done by working together. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, beause no one is there to help... vs 12. An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves.**
 - c. **LOYALTY Proverbs 18:24 – some friends may ruin you, but a real friend will be more loyal than a brother**
 - d. Touchdown Celebrations! The team is always involved, not just the one player.
4. Help others catch what I’ve caught! Training those to come.
 - a. How does brotherhood play into the next generation?
 - i. It looks like discipleship
 - ii. Are you reaching up (learning from the older/wiser)? Are you reaching out (those like you)? And reaching down (the next generation)?
 - iii. Bringing the lost into that brotherhood.
 - b. What if you think you already have it?? GREAT! But start helping others develop and show them how!