#### **SO WHAT**

- How did the Lord send the disciples in Mark 6:7? What do you think is the reason Jesus did this?
- Read John 21:15-19. How did Jesus deal with Peter despite the latter's denial of the Lord?
- In Philippians 3:3-8, why was Paul thanking the Philippian Christians? How did this relationship affect the way Paul ministered the gospel in the mission field?

#### **NOW WHAT**

- Ask a friend this week to join you to pray for the salvation of another friend.
- Call a friend who used to attend your group meeting and invite him or her to join you again.
- Encourage a friend in your Victory group to continue walking in faith.

## **PRAYER**

- Pray that God will use you to help your friends in need.
- Ask God to enable you to help someone to recover from a setback.
- Pray for God to deepen the relationships within your
  Victory group where each one will be ready to stand with one another.



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### WEEK 1

# ... be my Friend?



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## CONNECT

- Who do you consider as your childhood friend? Why?
- Tell of a time when a friend helped you during a trying time.
- What makes you consider someone as a friend?



<sup>9</sup>Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: <sup>10</sup>If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!... <sup>12</sup>Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. ECCLESIASTES 4:9,10,12

### WHAT

God made people as social beings. He designed us with the need to relate with others. Though God created Eve because Adam needed a wife, the point still stands that relationships, in a more general sense, are important to us. Thus, we start by talking about the importance of friendship. What does friendship bring us?

# 1 Synergy

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Thendship enables as to accomptish mach. What we
can fulfill alone can be multiplied greatly when there is
a friend to help us do the task. Who among your friends
are easy to work with? What do you appreciate most
about working with friends?

## 2 Support

If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! ECCLESIASTES 4:10

Support here means comfort or assistance. Times
when we fall, lose, or experience setbacks are a given—
these things happen! However, it is going to be a
big advantage when we have friends who will support
and help us to get up again. How is this true in your
own life?

## 3 Strength

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. ECCLESIASTES 4:12

In addition to a helping hand in times of need, friends
can also help us keep standing. Again, we can expect
that storms in life will come. But having friends during
trying times is different compared to just being alone.
How have you become a friend to someone facing hard
times? How did you help that person?