



PART 6

OPEN IN PRAYER

MAIN SCRIPTURES *(read when prompted)*

John 2:23-25

Luke 6:39-40

Proverbs 13:20

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

- **Read John 2:23-25.** In this scripture, the people loved Jesus and believed in Him because of what He could do. Jesus knew He had fans, not friends. The fans in our lives will only love us for what we bring to the table. However, it is up to us to discern and decipher the people that love us or just love what we can do. Jesus loved everyone but He only committed to 12. He gave His gift to all but gave Himself to a select few. Your gift is to be used for His purpose but you get to steward who gets your life. ***What is your gift? Have you ever felt used because of that gift?***
- If you fall in love with someone's gift you are a fan, not a friend. The root of fan is fantasy, which mean to project an image that is not real. Don't ever fall in love with somebody while they are under the anointing because that is an image that is not real. The anointing makes everyone better than they really are. Ask yourself, are you committing to the gift or the person? Jesus knew that the people didn't really love Him, they loved what He

could do, but he was real with the 12. ***Do you have your friends that you can be real with? Have you ever been disappointed by someone you admired?***

- The people you allow in your life are really important. **Read Luke 6:39-40.** If you want to determine the life that you live, you have to trace back to whom you are listening to. Do you even have a voice in your life? A bad teacher can be the root of all failure. One wrong voice can change everything. The voice you listen to can be the difference between pain or pleasure, deterioration or restoration. If you don't have a voice than you are relegated to living life by experience. ***Who has the most dominant voice in your life? Besides Pastor Ron Carpenter, what other voices are you listening to?***
- Your Now What moment comes with a lot of meditation and it can possibly be an evaluation of your circle. **Read Proverbs 13:20.** If you walk with the wise you get a transfer but if you walk with the foolish then you are confined. There are lines you cannot cross because of who you run with. You have a God that calls you higher but if you are hanging with fools you are limited. Greatness will make you walk away from your circle and get you into isolation to hear His voice alone. ***Who is in your inner circle? Are they leading you to wisdom or foolishness?***

PRAYER FOCUS

This week, let's pray for those people who don't have the strength to leave their circle of foolish friends. It is hard going from good to great and greatness can come when you leave some friends behind. God wants us all to experience greatness but doesn't want us to be pulled back.