

stuck



INTRODUCTION

Part 2 - Providential Relationships

There will come a time where each of us will experience what it's like to be "stuck" spiritually. Maybe we don't feel as close to God as we used to, or maybe we feel we aren't growing in our faith.

What if we could get a jump start?...a bit of help to get moving again?

The **Stuck** series will explore five of the main catalysts God uses to grow our faith, no matter the season in which we find ourselves.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe how you and your family react when you can't connect to the internet? Do you feel stuck when this happens?
2. This message was about the second catalyst: providential relationships. How do your relationships affect your faith?
3. The phrase "*In order for us to grow spiritually, we need to be connected to people who are growing spiritually*" was used in the message. How have you seen this to be true in your life?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Hebrews 3:13 & Hebrews 10:24-25. Discuss each passage and what we can learn from them. How do they relate to the need we have to connect with others?
5. Describe the relationship between Paul and Barnabas. What are some things we can learn from their relationship?
6. Paul and Timothy had a mentor/mentee relationship. What are some ways to find a mentor or find someone else to mentor?
7. Knowing the importance of having these types of relationships in our lives, what is the next step you can take to help you strengthen or find these relationships?
8. What have you learned from this lesson that you can apply this week to your life?

APPLICATION

There are times—like when the internet goes out—that we can feel stuck and unable to connect. There are also times we can feel stuck when our relationships with others don't seem to be making progress.

God created us to have relationships with others, and these connections are needed in our lives. *Providential relationships* are those relationships where God has had a hand in bringing us together with someone else. He uses providential relationships to influence our faith in Him, and He uses other people to help grow our faith.

We all need to have mentors, friends and mentees in our lives, while also being these to others. In order to grow spiritually, we need to connect with people who are growing spiritually. *What's your next step?*

KEY VERSES

- Acts 9:26-30
- Acts 11:25-26
- Acts 15:36-39
- Acts 16
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Hebrews 3:13
- Hebrews 10:24-25