

**BASECAMP**  
MEN'S CONFERENCE 2024



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**BROTHER-  
HOOD**  
{LIFE TOGETHER}

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Who is your 3am mate? When was the last time you sat and had a real chat? What do you think of when the word “connecting” is said? Maybe something like connecting the internet, or maybe connecting your phone to the Bluetooth? Why should we connect with each other?

Our BASECAMP Local resource has been designed to complement our conference theme of ‘Building Brotherhood’. It’s a four-session small group study that you can do together as a group, or individually.

We’re so excited for this and are praying this will help you grow your faith together!

## How to use BASECAMP Local

Here are some suggested basic practices for your group to function well. Participating in any group means that you have read, understood, and agree to these practises:

- Use "I" statements
- One person speaks at a time
- Share the airtime
- Respect the right to pass — if someone feels uncomfortable sharing
- Resist the temptation to fix problems — don't interrupt, judge or give advice
- Respect confidentiality — what's said in the group, stays in the group

# Study 1: Biblical Brotherhood

“How good and pleasant it is  
when God’s people live together in unity!  
It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard.”

— Psalm 133:1–2 (NIV)

There are many different examples that we can look at to help us think about Biblical brotherhood. One great example is Psalm 133. This little Psalm is so rich with imagery and emotion, it speaks for itself. To have unity with a brother is so amazing that it cannot be contained. This is a responsibility for all men as we look at the world around us. We can look at the story of David and Jonathan as an example of brotherhood.

George Whitefield (1714–1770) said, “Woe be to him that is alone; for when he falleth, he hath not another to lift him up: When he is cold, he hath not a Friend to warm him; when he is assaulted, he hath not a Second to help him to withstand his Enemy.”

So, can I ask you: who is that one brother that you can call when needed and you’ll be able to fall back on? Maybe you have one or two, or maybe you’re still seeking to find that one person?

Let’s explore this together as we explore this year’s BASECAMP.

## Reflection Questions

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9–18. What are some of the main points that Paul is trying to convey in this passage? Why does he encourage them in this way? What is his motive?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you call a brother, and what kind of weight does that term have in your every day life?

3. Do you see the need for a brother in your life to walk the journey with you?

4. Can you trust a brother with all the inner deep dark things in your life? Can you trust them to be there for you?

## Application

Pray for one another and share if there is something within you that you want God to speak into as you reflect on this year's BASECAMP event.

## Study 2: Connecting Brothers

Lots of experience has led me to ask the question “How are you?” more than once to many people. Sitting with people and asking that question a second time often prompts a different response. It’s at that moment you begin to hear the struggles and heartaches of people.

Talking to these men has opened my eyes to see the importance of having a brother in my life to depend on, and grow with. To ask that question shows an intentionality towards knowing that person, and a genuine care for that person’s wellbeing. It says to that person, “I want to really know you and how you are going.”

Scripture looks at the idea of brotherhood a lot; from impactful proverbs, to physical brotherhood, and even Jesus and His 12 disciples. We can look at the council’s opening comment in Acts 15:23: “The brothers, both the apostles and the elders...” Do you see the way they describe themselves to each other and to other Christians in another area? They count them as family in the body of Christ with such love that they are equal in their adoption through Christ.

## Reflection Questions

1. Read 1 John 4:7-21. How many times does John use the word “love”? How does John use the word “love”?

2. From this, how would you characterise the love of God?

3. How would you characterise the love you show?

4. In your own life, are you loving your enemies in this same way? If not, why?

5. Do you think that the God of love is able to build you and shape you into a man of love for people?

## Application

With your brother, list some of the ways you could better love all the people in your life. Pick a verse from this passage and make it a challenge to learn and implement it in your everyday life. Make your natural life a spiritual life, and your spiritual life natural.

## Study 3: Ongoing Brotherhood

In his article, “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” Paul Tripp says, “Human friendships can be a wonderful gift from God, but they are far from perfect in a fallen world...Unless we want endless disappointment, we must bring a broken-world, eternity-focused mentality to all our friendships.”

“We need to remember that God does not intend friendships to be an end in themselves, but a means to an end. Rather than being the container for our happiness, these beautiful yet messy relationships are a workroom for the Redeemer to do what he alone can do: sanctify us so we are progressively prepared for the paradise that is to come.”

Let’s think about having this “friend in me,” idea. What does a true friend mean to you? List some things that matter to you in a friend. Find some great proverbs about brotherhood and friendship, and link some of your own onto them. We read Proverbs 18:24 and see that a mere companion may be bad, but a friend can be a brother to you. Be encouraged to do the questions Paul Tripp gives together with your brother.

### Reflection Questions

1. Read Luke 15:11-32. When we look at the first brother, what qualities does he have when he left vs when he returned?

2. Looking at the second brother, what does his heart show us in his reaction?

3. If you have to answer truthfully, are there any character qualities you can relate to?  
Who do you relate to more?

4. How does the father respond to both of them separately and collectively?

## Application

On your phone or a piece of paper, write down an area of life where you feel like you're struggling. Share with your brother this area, and get him to walk along side you with accountability and love to see you overcome it or be better in it.



## Study 4: Teaching Brothers

At BASECAMP 16, Mal Gill gave a sermon titled, “Pursue a Paul, Be a Barnabas, Train a Timothy.” You can watch, listen to, or read the sermon on the KCC One App. In his sermon, Mal talks about the importance of discipleship, and understanding what that means. He says:

“When I mention the word ‘discipleship,’ I think many of us sit here nodding our heads, saying, ‘Yeah, I know the title. Yeah.’ But when pushed to explain, ‘How do you make disciples?’ or, ‘What’s involved in the concept of discipleship?’ often we’re a little bit unsure. Actually, we really don’t know what that means. Jesus said in the great commission that we are to go and make disciples of all men. Now, friends, if you are going to make disciples, wouldn’t it be significant to be clear on what that actually is, and what that actually looks like?”

Mal recommends that you “pursue a Paul, be a Barnabas, train a Timothy. In other words, have a Paul in your life or a teacher to imitate, like Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:1. Have a Barnabas to be your fellow brother, so you can grow together like David and Jonathan did. Train a Timothy and raise them up in the faith as a Paul.

## Reflection Questions

1. Who is the Paul in your life, and what qualities do they have that you want to imitate?
  
2. Who is your Barnabas or Barnabas’s that you will grow with? What areas do you want to grow in together in Christ?

3. What qualities can you teach to a younger Timothy? Are you ready for them to follow and imitate you as you imitate Christ?

## Application

How have you grown this year through BASECAMP? What have you discovered about your life in relation to your brotherhood with others? Will you and your brother move forward in faith to grow together?