

PART 1: THAT PERSON-PROVIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS

INTRODUCTION

You will never be closer to God than the level of your faith. But faith is more than mere belief. It's something we put into practice. That's why Jesus said, "Follow me." In this series we'll explore five catalysts God uses to build enduring, go-the distance faith in our lives.

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 1:1, 14 John 1:46 Hebrews 10:23-25

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Both good and bad defining moments in our life generally involve other people. What other people were involved with some of your best decisions or worst regrets? Who do you wish had been involved?
- 2. Can you think of someone God providentially brought into your life at just the right time? Who were they, and which of these did they provide for you: insight, encouragement, perspective, hope, correction?
- 3. You may be hesitant to acknowledge it, but have you played that role in someone else's life?
- 4. Are the people whose stories shaped and strengthened your faith aware of the role they played in your life? Have you told them? Would you?
- 5. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. As it relates to your faith, why do you think proximity with other Christians matter?
- 6. Pastor Will said, "people drift from their community of faith before they drift from their faith." How have you experienced this personally or seen somebody else experience this?
- 7. How has your faith grown as a result of seeing God's faithfulness in someone else's life?
- 8. What step do you need to take right now to be more intentional in your relationships? What might keep you from taking that step?

Application Prayer: Jesus, help me become more intentional about my relationships. Use them to grow my faith and use me to grow others.