



DISCOVERING NEW LIFE THROUGH HOLY FRIENDS

with Greg Jones, President of Belmont University

▶ FOCUS VERSES

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.
Ecclesiastes 4:10

▶ DISCUSSION

Dr. Jones says we were created for relationships with God and with one another. He points out that we often get ourselves into problems when we are focusing on ourselves and feeling like we have to do things on our own.

- Have you ever had a situation where if you had only sought out help to a problem the situation would have most likely turned out more favorably?
- Do you seek God's counsel for the small things as well as the big things, staying in an intimate, personal relationship with Him?

Dr. Jones says that it is often in relationships with other men that we find ways to break free of the shame and guilt of our past.

- Do you have friends who challenge the sins that you have come to love?
- Are you afraid to claim your gifts or talents? Do you have men in your life that affirm those gifts?
- Where can we go to find and connect with such 'holy friends'?

Brokenness causes us to shrink and shrivel. Shame and guilt cause us to hide. No matter what the brokenness has been, no matter your addiction, God wants you to break free and be able to dream dreams.

- Can you look past your sins and have the courage to dream dreams, to look beyond your past and discover a new life and new hopes?
- Hope is what enables us to deal with the past and focus on the future. What do you hope for your future?

