



**Why does it
matter who your
friends are?**

DAY 4

Proverbs 13:20 says, *Walk with wise people and become wise. A companion of foolish people suffers harm, (NIRV).*

Picture this:

One person is standing on a chair, while a second person is standing on the ground. Which scenario is easier? Is it easier for the person on the chair to pull the person on the ground up? Or is it easier for the person on the ground to pull the person off the chair?

You may be thinking, "What does that have to do with wisdom?" If you spend enough time with friends who are unwise, it will be much easier for those unwise friends to lead you down the wrong path, away from God's will for your life, than it will be for you to make them wise. God is the source of wisdom; remember? Unless your friends are seeking wisdom from God, you might need to reconsider how much time you spend with them.

LIVE
FOR GOD



WISDOM
**FINDING OUT WHAT
YOU SHOULD DO
AND DOING IT**

DAY 1

Read 2 Chronicles 10.

In this chapter, Rehoboam had just become the new king of Israel. Many evil kings who mistreated the people had been in power before him. Rehoboam was faced with a decision. What kind of king would he be? To help him make his decision, he sought counsel from two different groups: older (and probably wiser) men followed by his young (and unwise) friends.

Is it a bad idea to seek advice from your friends? Of course not! BUT, there's a catch: *It's not a bad idea to seek advice from your friends IF your friends are wise.*

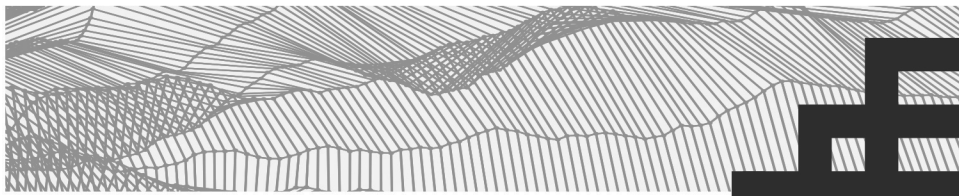
Unfortunately, Rehoboam didn't have wise friends. So, when he took their advice, there were negative consequences for him and the kingdom of Israel.

Be sure to think through the people you're hanging out with. Are they wise or unwise?

WEEK 3

HEAR
FROM GOD

PRETEEN



DAY 2

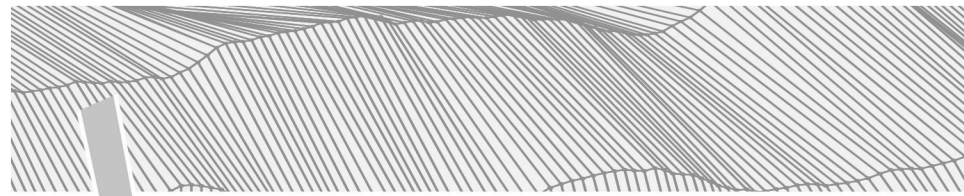
Do you have a photo of your closest friends? If you do, put it somewhere you will see it every day or set it as the lock screen on your phone. Every time you see it, pray that your friends would search for wisdom and live by it. Send them a text to let them know you are praying for them!

Or, maybe you know your friend group isn't exactly made up of people who care about searching for wisdom from God.

Ask God to help you make friends with people who care about finding out what God wants them to do in life and then doing it.



PRAY
TO GOD



DAY 3

We've been talking a lot about friends. If you find that the people you're hanging out with aren't wise, then talk to a trusted adult. It's time to practice getting wisdom from someone you trust.

If you're friends make good choices, start by asking a trusted adult if he/she has ever been influenced by unwise friends to make bad decisions.

Have you?

How do you know when it's time to find a new group of friends?

Do you have any tough decisions to make regarding who you spend most of your time with?



TALK
ABOUT GOD