

- A. When you discover, through God, how to be genuinely confident/godly in yourself, it will instill confidence/godliness in the _____ around you; and, if you hang out with *other* people who have such confidence and godliness, it will instill confidence and godliness in *you* too.
1. _____ effect- every little thing that happens today will affect the "time-stream" of tomorrow
 2. *everything* is interconnected
 3. if you move any particle or wave in any part of the world, it's like a slinky; the movement will eventually affect the rest of the slinky on some level
 - a. 1 Cor 15:33 " Bad _____ corrupts good character" – they *will* affect you
- B. If the people in a church are living the way Jesus calls us to live, then we are making friends and *being* friends to each other to lift one another up and help each other out in life
- C. Friendship?
1. someone you enjoy spending time with
 2. someone you hold something in common with
 3. someone who is there for you in your times of _____
 - a. Problem - in our often narcissistic, consumerist society where everything is about me and about how I feel, this basically means that we will consider people our friends as long as they are there for us, as long as they are there for me when my times get tough
 - b. Contrast - Jonathan considered David *his* friend, even though David really hadn't done _____ for Jonathan
- D. Jesus did *not* say, "Greater love no one has, than for you to lay down your life for me!"
1. True friendship (authentic, life-changing communion) is *not* about what they can do for _____, rather it is *all* about what *you* can do for them
 - a. sometimes, this demands *extreme* _____, because sometimes, people are hurting and broken so deeply, that it simply is going to take a long time, and a whole lot of effort, for them to get back on their feet
 - b. not talking about situations where your so-called friends are doing hurtful and hateful things to you, that is called "bad company"
- E. Greater love no one has, than to give your life for their friends
- F. If you want to have true friends, start by being _____
- G. Q is not, Do you have any true friends in your life? Rather, are *you* a true friend to anyone *else* in your life?