NOW OR NEVER

Judges 14:10-11 (NLT). *As his father was making final arrangements for the marriage, Samson threw a party at Timnah, as was the custom for elite young men. When the bride's parents saw him, they selected thirty young men from the town to be his companions.*

Sooner or later, if you stick around long enough, Timna will give you a cheap imitation of the original your soul craves and what God wanted to give you all along.

REMEMBER: We cannot live in isolation from others, and reap the benefits that only come through community.

Proverbs 18:1 (NLT). *Unfriendly people ["an isolated man"] care only about themselves; they lash out at [they oppose] common sense.*

"The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your relationships."

ATTITUDES THAT PREVENT US FROM LIVING IN COMMUNITY:

1. **[I] KNOW WHAT I'M DOING (UNTEACHABLE) –** "THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN TEACH ME."

Paul David Tripp: *"The moment you think you have nothing left to learn, that's when start walking away from wisdom."*

Proverbs 24:6 (NIV). *Surely you need guidance to wage war, and victory is won through many advisers.*

2. **[I] CAN DO IT ALONE (SELF-SUFFICIENT) –** "I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP."

Mother Teresa: *"Loneliness is the leprosy of the modern world."*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT). *Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.*

3. **[I] CAN CONTROL THE OUTCOME [SELF-CONFIDENT] -** "I GOT THIS, I CAN HANDLE IT."

Party ("Mish-teh"): *A party or celebration or drinking occasion; Keg Party, Bachelor Party.*

Proverbs 14:16 (NIV). *The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.*

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