

“Co-Mentoring”

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“ I am not praying only for these men but for all those who will believe in me through their message, that they may all be one. Just as you, Father, live in me and I live in you, I am asking that they may live in us , and that the world may believe that you did send me. I have given them the honor that you gave me that they may grow complete into one, so that the world may realize that you sent me and have loved them as you loved me. Father, I want those whom you have given me to be with me where I am; I want them to see that glory that you have made mine- for you loved me before the world began. Father of all goodness, the world has not known you, but I have known you and these men now know that you have sent me. I have made yourself known to them and I will continue to do so that the love which you have had for me will be in their hearts - that I may be there also.” John 17 : 20-26 (JB Phillips; The New Testament in Modern English)

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“Now I am giving you a new command - love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you must love one another. This is how all men will know that you are my disciples, because you have such love for one another.” John 13 : 34 - 35 (JB Phillips; The New Testament in Modern English)

I love this section of John because in it Jesus expresses his love for us and his desire to be in us as he is in the Father. I am convinced that one way we fulfill his command that we love one another is to regularly share with one another what we sense that the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives. I have decided that these kinds of one on one regular relationships can be called **“Co-Mentoring.”** This is the kind of relationship I see in Naomi and Ruth in the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament and between Paul and Timothy in

the New Testament. While I have always enjoyed these kinds of relationships in Young Life and within the church, my illness has provided me with the time to enjoy more of them. I now believe that the Holy Spirit is calling me to be more intentional with these relationships, sharing with another the weekly struggles to hear God in Scripture and to obediently follow what His word teaches. This is the way that we live out the truth that Jesus was sharing with his disciples in the passages above. In the future, in my one on one times with others, I will be more intentional about sharing my desire for that to take place.

I am thankful for those who have been “co-mentoring” with me over the years.

Let’s “co-mentor” one another and learn to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Under God’s Mercy,

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