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DAY 5: The Day You Get Picky

(How to find and form your own dream team)

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“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.” (Luke 6:12-16)

If You Dare Dream Out-loud . . .

You can expect to be fire-hosed.

“Jesus replied, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.” (Luke 18:27 NIV)

You can expect to be critiqued.

“Tobiah, who was standing beside him, remarked, ‘If even a fox walked along the top of their wall, it would collapse!’ Then I prayed, ‘Hear us, O Lord God, for we are being mocked. May their scoffing fall back upon their own heads. . . .’” (Neh 4:3-4)

You can expect to be criticized.

“Eliab, his older brother, heard David fraternizing with the men and lost his temper: ‘What are you doing here! Why aren’t you minding your own business, tending that scrawny flock of sheep? I know what you’re up to. You’ve come down here to see the sights, hoping for a ringside seat at a bloody battle!’ ‘What is it with you?’ replied David. ‘All I did was ask a question.’ Ignoring his brother, he turned to someone else, asked the same question, and got the same answer as before.” (1 Samuel 17:28-

29 MSG)

3 Characteristics of Poisonous People

Poisonous people are **demeaning.**

“Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered,” (Prov 22:24)

Poisonous people are **demoralizing.**

Poisonous people are **draining.**

“He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.” (Mark 6:5-6 NIV)

When Choosing Your Inner Circle

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” (Eccl 4:9)

Can they shut up?

“A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.” (Prov 11:13)

Will they speak up?

“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.” (Prov 27:6)

Can they be put-out?

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.” (Prov 17:17)