**The Company We Keep Chapter 6**

The purpose of Biblical Friendship

 Cultivating and displaying unity

In my opinion this could have been the first Chapter…lol

1. Vital role biblical friendship plays: enhance lives and accomplish God’s purposes (pg 93,94)

A picture worth a Thousand words

1. Nothing proves the gospel better interpersonally than when the fruit of the gospel is evident (pg 95)
	1. This quantifies part of Cornerstone’s mission. Gospel transformation is what we are after within ourselves as well as those around us.
2. Biblical Friendship demonstrates to the world a spiritual unity rooted in the supernatural (pg 94)
	1. John 17!!! Read this. Great verse on relating the trinity’s relationship to the oneness that friendships can have.
3. Unity of believers is not achieved by us; it is established for us through the person and work of Jeus Christ. (pg 95)

Persistence by Grace, not Perfection by effort

1. Biblical friendship is always a work in progress because the world, the flesh, and the devil will never cease their opposition.(pg 96)
2. Biblical friendships don’t have to be perfect. They just have to prove themselves genuine by enduring through ups and downs, the successes and failures. (pg 97)

Cultivating and displaying Unity

1. Within the body of Christ
	1. Redeeming ordinary moments
		1. Some of the regular activities of daily life can be enhanced as we do them with others. (pg 98)
	2. Practicing informal counseling
		1. When friends are sharing burdens, walking through suffering together, and encouraging and affirming one another. Confronting and calling one another to personal holiness. (pg 99)
	3. Experiencing embedded accountability
		1. Accountability relationships ultimately succeed or fail on quality of the relationship itself (g 100)
2. Before a watching World
	1. You (and your friends) can offer a living example of divinely empowered biblican friendship to a curious, perplexed and desperate world. (pg 102)

Until We See Glory

1. God, in his mercy, give us friends as gifts and graces for life’s journey. (pg 103)
2. Biblical friendship comes with a shared horizon. We who have been saved by Jesus are all heading to the same destination- a place where the unity of Jesus prayed for in John 17 reaches its apex . (pg 105)

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