



## #9 "CREATE RELATIONSHIP SPACE"

**Mark 1:35 (NIV)** Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

**Luke 5:16 (NIV)** But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

**Luke 6:12-13 (NIV)** 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.

**Matthew 9:9-10 (NLT)** As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.

**Mark 3:14 (NIV)** He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.

**John 3:22 (NIV)** After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized.

**Matthew 26:18 (NIV)** He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'"

**Romans 1:11-12 (NLT)** For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

### 1. Find the time.

**Psalms 90:12 (TLB)** Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.

**Ephesians 5:16 (AMP)** Making the very most of your time [on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence], because the days are [filled with] evil.

### 2. Identify the people.

**Mark 6:31-34 (NIV)** Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

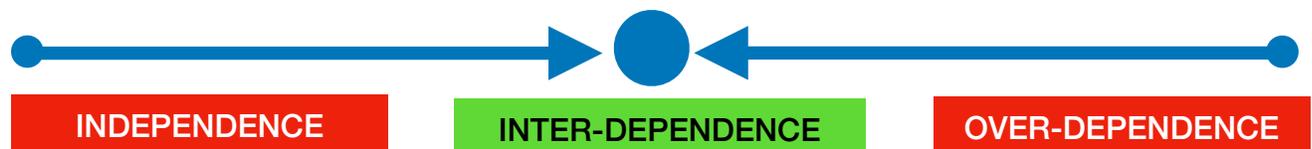
**John 13:3-5 (NIV)** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

### 3. Make it rewarding.

- Share a positive experience.
- Engage in a meaningful conversation.
- Feel understood, appreciated, or encouraged by the interaction.
- Have some fun together.
- Learn something stimulating, refreshing, and useful.
- Let go of tension, discussion, or drama.
- Pursue shared interests.
- Express genuine attention in differing interests.

### 4. Don't overdo it.

*The goal of relationship growth:*



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