

KEY ELEMENTS OF MENTORING

Jesus' Power and Presence

Jesus' Power in Modern Mentors

After admitting we can't do this on our own, we trust God for His power. To know God and recognize His authority is to understand that we live victoriously only through Him. Think about it. God is the warrior who led His people across the Red Sea (Exodus 15:3). David fought the Philistine giant not with a sword and a javelin, but in the name of the Lord whose battle it was (1 Samuel 17:45-47). Jehaziel likewise assured Jehoshaphat of God's presence in the midst of battle with these words: "This is what the LORD says: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast number, for the battle is not yours, but God's'" (2 Chronicles 20:15). We are to put on God's armor, not ours (Ephesians 6:11).

Finally, we pray, following the lead of men and women of faith. Abraham, Moses, Nehemiah, David, Jeremiah, Daniel, and others prayed. Hannah and Mary prayed. Jesus prayed in the morning, into the evening, and through the night. He prayed passionately for His followers and for those who would follow after them. The disciples asked for lessons on prayer. Peter and Paul prayed. When we admit our need for God, then trust His power, then connect with Him through prayer, we tap into the power of God to form strong mentoring relationships.

Jesus' Power at Work

Finally, take a separate sheet of paper and write the words, "The Power and Presence of God." In your mind, lay that second sheet across the first one, completely covering your excuses with the power of God. Let the final image sink in for a few minutes.

The picture in your mind should be clear. Jesus commanded us to make disciples, and He empowers us to be obedient to His command. That combination means we have no excuse not to make disciples through mentoring.

What reasons would you give for not being in a mentoring relationship?

What reasons to be a mentor are greater than all of the reasons not to?