

Sermon Study | Rumble Strip

My Ride or Die | Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

Last week, we talked about making course corrections so we can get from where we are to where we want to be in life. This week, we look at the people in our car. God brings people into and out of our lives at various stages and places for specific reasons. God always uses people to help people grow. Aaron helped us see that we flourish as human beings when we are rightly connected with God and rightly connected with people.

Read John 10:10 (NIV). God has given you a V12—life is meant to be lived and lived to the fullest! Yet, God has placed "rumble strips" in our lives for our benefit, because He—our dad!—is looking out for us.

- God is not a controlling ego maniac who doesn't want us to enjoy life. On the contrary, He wants us to live life to the fullest. Do you tend to see rumble strips as a set of rules that will put you in God's favor, or as a means from God to live your life in freedom, safely and without crashing? Explain.

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Proverbs 18:1, Hebrews 10:25 and 1 Corinthians 12:27. Your faith is personal, but it was never meant to be private. One of Satan's greatest schemes in your life will be to convince you that you're protecting yourself from hurt by isolating yourself, when you're really cutting yourself off from God's primary instrument of healing.

- Reflecting on your friendships, who has God placed in your life for something you've needed to give or receive? Who is your ride or die?
- When has this group been helpful to you in navigating life? If you've just joined group, what are you most looking forward to in helping you navigate life?
- What is one thing that has encouraged you most about this group?
- When you are tempted to stay home from group, what will you remember and how will you lean into what God is saying to you, doing what you can to come?

Read Proverbs 18:24, Galatians 5:7, 1 Corinthians 15:33 and John 13:34-35. People are the greatest asset in your life. A leading indicator of where we're headed are the people we allow to influence us. The people that have the most influence in our life, or those we allow to have the most influence in our life will determine where we end up. If you're going to walk in wisdom, then it's crucial to have wise people around you.

- Is there anyone you need to have a hard conversation with because things have become toxic? Does it help to know that you have a say in who's riding shotgun in your life? Why or why not? How can our group pray with you?
- Getting up close and personal with other people always gets messy. Are you willing to add some color to your life and get messy, looking more like Jesus through it all?

What is God saying to you through His word?
How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week.

Day One: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 | Who is your ride or die?

Day Two: Proverbs 18:1 and Hebrews 10:25 | Our faith isn't meant to be private.

Day Three: Proverbs 18:24 | A friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Day Four: Galatians 5:7 and 1 Corinthians 15:33 | Who's riding shotgun?

Day Five: John 13:34-35 | Love each other.