



Mentoring Ministry for Women

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MENTOR TEACHING: Staying Connected With Your Mentee: It All Counts

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Read: *John 6:16-24*

In this story out of John, Jesus sends the disciples down to the lake to their boat to head back to Capernaum, their stomachs full after feeding the 5000. Jesus withdraws to the mountains to pray, maybe for them, yet He was gone. In the boat, it was now dark and a storm blew in. The disciples rowed many kilometers fighting the darkness and dangers of the storm. As Jesus approached their boat walking on the water, they were terrified until they heard his voice, "*It's me, don't be afraid.*" Then they were *willing* to take Him into the boat.

As we *willingly* invite Jesus to come into our story and relationships, we will find rough waters. Maybe in scheduling time together with our mentees. Jesus knows our hearts - listen, pray. We can then share a Scripture via text, email or a call. It's a comforting connection of grace you can give that day.

God knows the margins you and your mentee need. Those margins are needed in this busy over-scheduled world. Christ is the treasure hidden in the field of Scripture; "*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*" Remind your mentee that Christ is with them. He is our rescuer, sometimes in big things and sometimes in small.

"Lord, help us to see what it is like to love our mentee as ourselves. We want to live life with You leading us. Come Holy Spirit we ask in the Mighty Name of Jesus."

MENTOR APPLICATION by Tina Hanscome, Better Together Ministry Leader

As Mentors, we know how busy lives and schedules can be and then multiply that by two when considering your mentee. It can be difficult to make that face-to-face connection as often as you desire, however, it is important to connect with your mentee regularly to keep the relationship and progress moving forward.

The good news is we live in a time when there are countless ways to connect with your mentee.

1. Send a quick text offering encouragement, a verse and letting her know you are thinking of her and praying for her.
2. Attach a written out prayer so she can read the words of your heart and dialogue to the Father on her behalf.
3. Leave a voicemail message she can play at her convenience, hearing your voice and prayer for her.
4. Surprise your mentee with a card in the mail and words of inspiration and encouragement.
5. Arrange to meet before or after church for just a moment to give a quick hug.
6. Leave a card or small gift in your mentee's PCC mailbox (if she has one).
7. Most importantly, just stay present in your mentee's life reminding her that she is not alone and you are looking forward to the next time you can meet again face-to-face. Then make an appointment, get it on the calendar and look forward to the time together. In the meantime, ask the Father to be present in your Mentee's life and to guide her days.