

Find The Right People
Triage Wk. 2
April 23rd, 2023

Small Group Questions:

1. There are safe and unsafe people in the world. Describe a few characteristics of each.
 2. Why do we need safe people in emergencies?
 3. Read all the passages above. What do we learn about the safe people in the Apostle Paul's life from these passages?
 4. What does a safe person look like in a spiritual emergency?
 5. Read the right people and wrong people statements above. Can you share a story about a time you heard one of these phrases?
 6. Who is a safe person for you right now? Who are you a safe person for right now?
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Spiritual emergencies usually involve **SHATTERED** trust.

Acts 9:17-19 *Then **Ananias** went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, **19** and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.*

We don't need experts from a distance but **EMPATHY** up close.

Acts 9:26-28 *When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. **27** But **Barnabas** took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. **28** So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.*

We don't need the loudest voices but **EXPERIENCED** advocates.

Galatians 1:18-24 *Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with **Cephas** and stayed with him fifteen days. **19** I saw none of the other apostles—only **James**, the Lord's brother. **20** I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. **21** Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. **22** I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. **23** They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." **24** And they praised God because of me.*

We don't need people who will **FIX** us but people who will **LOVE** us.

Romans 16:1-19 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. **2** I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me. **3** Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. **4** They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. **5** Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. **6** Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. **7** Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. **8** Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord. **9** Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. **10** Greet Apelles, whose fidelity to Christ has stood the test. Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. **11** Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. **12** Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord. **13** Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too. **14** Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the other brothers and sisters with them. **15** Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the Lord's people who are with them. **16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. **17** I urge you, brothers and sisters, to **watch out** for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. **18** For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. **19** Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

The wrong people say things like:

You just need more faith.
You know what the book says.
Get over it.
Here's what you should believe.
People are saying things about you.

The right people say things like:

It's okay to not be okay right now.
I love the real you.
Just because you got it wrong doesn't mean something is wrong with you.
Thanks for sharing that with me.
When you're ready, I'm here.
Do you have any questions for me?

Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

4 Questions For Finding the Right People:

1. Do they listen more than they talk?

2. Do they live life in community?
3. Are they willing to connect in person?
4. Do they offer grace and truth?

BOTTOMLINE: This is the perfect place for **IMPERFECT** people.