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Iron Sharpens Iron

Discussion Guide

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Read Together: 1 Corinthians 16:13–14

Main Idea: God calls us to be watchful, stand firm in the faith, live with Christlike courage and strength, and let everything we do be governed by love.

Observation | what does the text say?

1. What four commands does Paul give in 1 Corinthians 16:13–14? What do you think each command looks like in everyday life?

2. How did the sermon describe the difference between biblical manhood and the stereotypes of manhood offered by our culture?

Digging Deeper | what concepts does the text connect with?

3. Read 1 Peter 5:8 and Ephesians 6:10. Why are watchfulness and dependence on God's strength necessary for standing firm in the faith?

4. The sermon connects courage with taking responsibility and strength with recognizing our weakness. How do 2 Corinthians 12:9 and 1 Timothy 6:11 help us understand this kind of strength?

Unpacking the Main Idea | what does the text mean?

5. Why is love essential to biblical strength and leadership? What happens when watchfulness, firmness, or strength are separated from love?

6. Read Proverbs 27:17. Why does the sermon say that no man becomes godly in isolation? What makes genuine Christian brotherhood different from simply spending time with other people?

Personal Application | what does the text mean for me?

7. Where are you most tempted to become passive or "fall asleep at the wheel" spiritually—in your relationship with Christ, your marriage, family, work, church, or another area?

8. What is one specific step you can take this week to become more watchful, courageous, strong in Christ, and loving? Who is one godly person you could invite to encourage or hold you accountable?