# THE GIFT OF MENTORING

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### UNCOVERING THE GIFTS OF MENTORING

- ▶On a piece of paper, create three columns.
  - ▶ Left column: My age in 5 or 10 year increments
  - ► Middle column: My Mentors
  - ► Right column: My Mentees

### WHAT IS MENTORING?

The formal or informal process of one person investing in another person's life.

### MENTORING IS...

- ▶ for a season.
- ▶ a personal relationship.
- ▶ a demanding relationship.
- ▶ a changing, dynamic relationship.
- ▶ investment in significant moments.

## WHO WAS MENTOR?



#### MENTORSHIP IN THE BIBLE

Biblical mentorship is not the transfer of skills and knowledge, but the development and maturing of Christ-like character.

## MENTORSHIP IN THE BIBLE: NAOMI AND RUTH



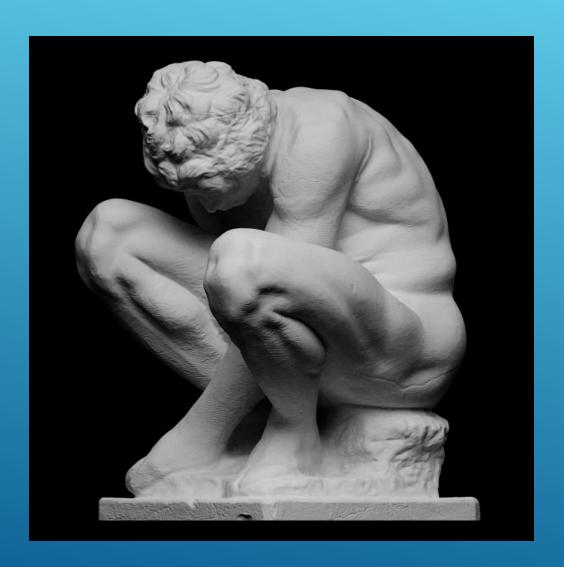
### MENTORSHIP IN THE BIBLE: ELIZABETH AND MARY



## MENTORSHIP IN THE BIBLE: THE DISCIPLES



## MICHELANGELO PHENOMENON





► **AVAILABILITY** 

► ACCEPTANCE

► AFFIRMATION

MENTORS PRACTICE THE 3 A'S

### WHAT QUALITIES MAKE A GOOD MENTOR?

► A DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS

► ABILITY TO COMMIT TIME AND ENERGY

► RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE OR SKILL

- ► WILLING TO SHARE FAILURES AND PERSONAL STORIES
- ► LIFE-LONG LEARNER (REVERSE MENTORING)

### WHAT MAKES A GOOD MENTEE?

- ► CLEAR ABOUT THEIR NEEDS AND GOALS
- ► WILLING TO ASK FOR HELP
- ► ABLE TO ACCEPT FEEDBACK
- ▶ BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE
- ► ABLE TO MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS

### THE MENTORING RELATIONSHIP

- ► DESIGN THE ALLIANCE
  - ▶ Contact
  - ▶ Meetings
  - ▶ Confidentiality
  - ▶ Focus
  - ▶ Feedback
  - Goals and accountability

### THE MENTORING RELATIONSHIP

- ► DESIGN THE ALLIANCE
- ► GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER
- SET THE AGENDA
- ► REFLECT AND EVALUATE
- **▶**CLOSEOUT

### THE MENTORING RELATIONSHIP

#### THE GIFT OF PREVENIENT GRACE

Pray for the mentors and mentees that God will bring into your circle.

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