WELCOME TO 5 **GET SOME HOT COCOA IN THE BACK!**



Mirror Jesus in Making Time

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MIRRORJESUS: MAKETIME

Ephesians 5:15-16 (ESV) Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

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Luke 6:13

When morning came, he called his disciples to him and <u>chose</u> <u>twelve of them</u>, whom he also designated apostles

Jesus spent most of His ministry making time for just a few choice others; so should we as we follow Him.

MIRRORJESUS: MAKETIME

Sacrifice required...

- 1. Cut out
- Use the "3 Year Hindsight" test
- 2. Invite in
 - Your life = Gospel + ordinary

...and joy promised



GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START

The Right Person 1. Stewardship 2. Readiness – Faithful A – Available – Teachable

GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START

The Right Purpose
1. Helps you know:
What your time together will look like
If you're achieving your goal
If and when your relationship can end

The right person and right purpose are **key** because they let you know how to have the right parting of ways.

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The Right Parting of Ways 1. No chemistry? 2. The purpose has changed/been achieved 3. The person has changed **Bring issue** Encourage change Give time Part ways



LISTENING

Be honest... are you "that person?"

The Bible says: "A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinion." (Proverbs 18:2) AND "He who answers before listening—that is his folly and his shame." (Proverbs 18:13)

FOLLY AND SHAME? That's quite the judgement! But we need it.

LISTENING

It feels good to be listened to, doesn't it? We feel significant We feel loved We have a place to share thoughts and feelings We have the person's undivided attention

(without being interrupted!)

- Listening builds trust.
- Trust is good for relationship—maybe the best, most important thing.
- Then why is it so hard to listen?

We want to be heard—not listen.

1. Don't talk. Listen.

You're listening well when they ASK you what you think.

2. Ask answerable questions.

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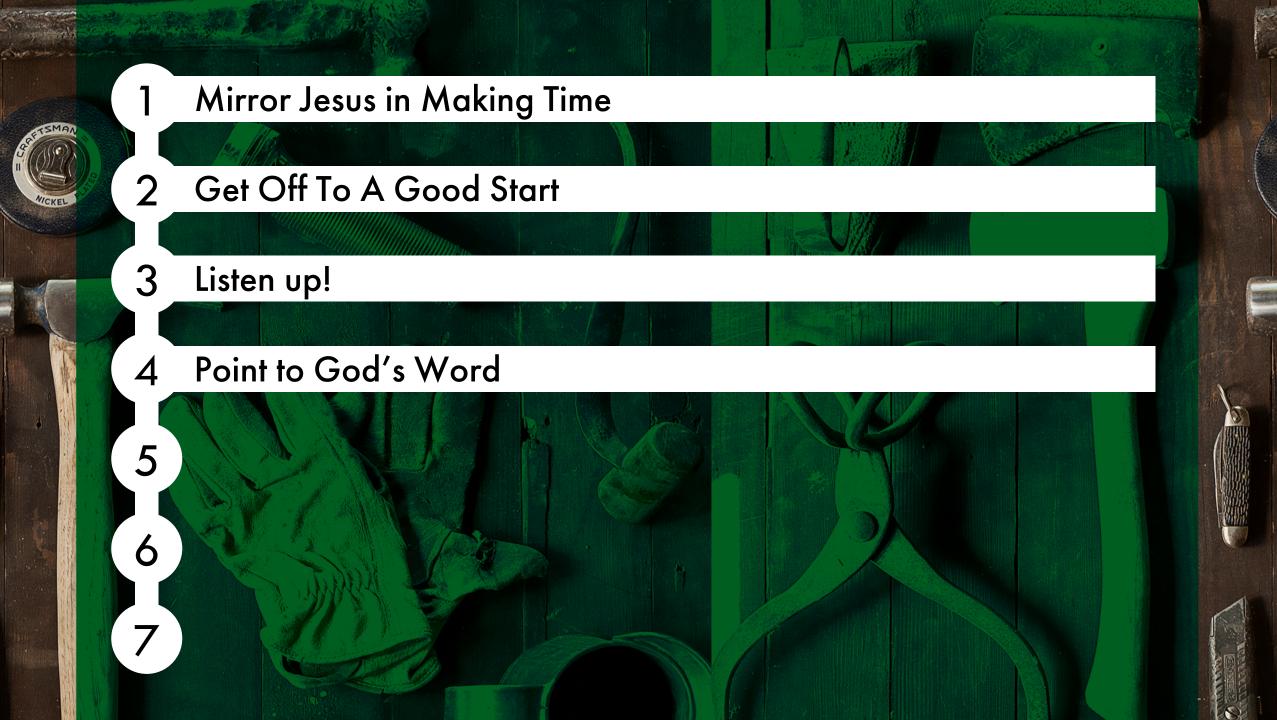
Don't ask questions you already have answers to. Those are called <u>loaded questions</u>. "When are you going to stop sleeping with your boyfriend?" "How are you going to read your Bible when you watch so much Netflix?" "So, are you going to tell off you boss and quit your job?"

Instead, ask something like:

"Where do you see God in your relationship with your boyfriend?" "Where do you see God at work? "What areas of your life do you think God is urging you to grow?" "Is there a passage in the Bible that you have read recently where God has shown you something about him or you?"

Do: memorize Proverbs 18:2—"The fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinion."
 Don't: be a fool. Take pleasure in understanding you mentoree, disciple, friend.

Ask questions and don't talk—listen!





Everyone is fighting a spiritual battle, which requires a spiritual weapon.

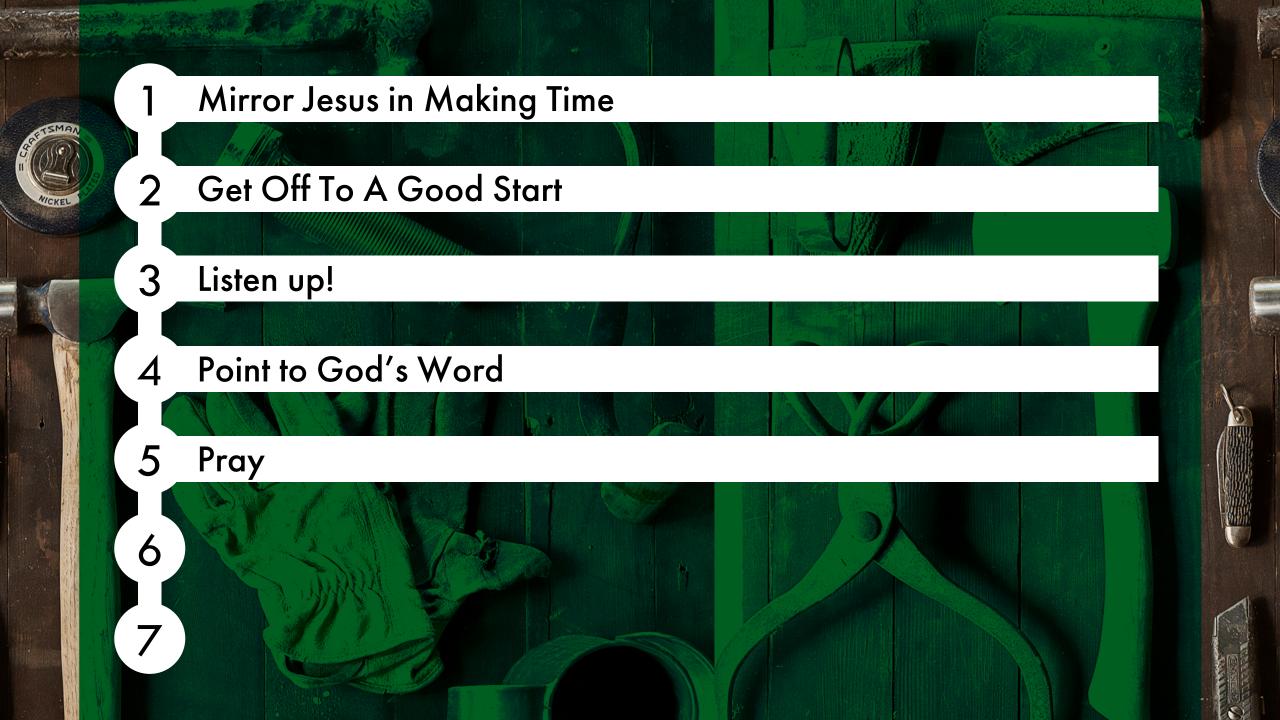
Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood... but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

A weapon only helps us if we know how to use it.

 Read the Bible for yourself, and grow in knowledge of it.
 Ask your mentee what they're reading in the Bible and how God is working through it.
 Discern lies and fight them with truth.
 When you're mentee asks for advice, respond with the question: "What do you think the Bible says about that?"

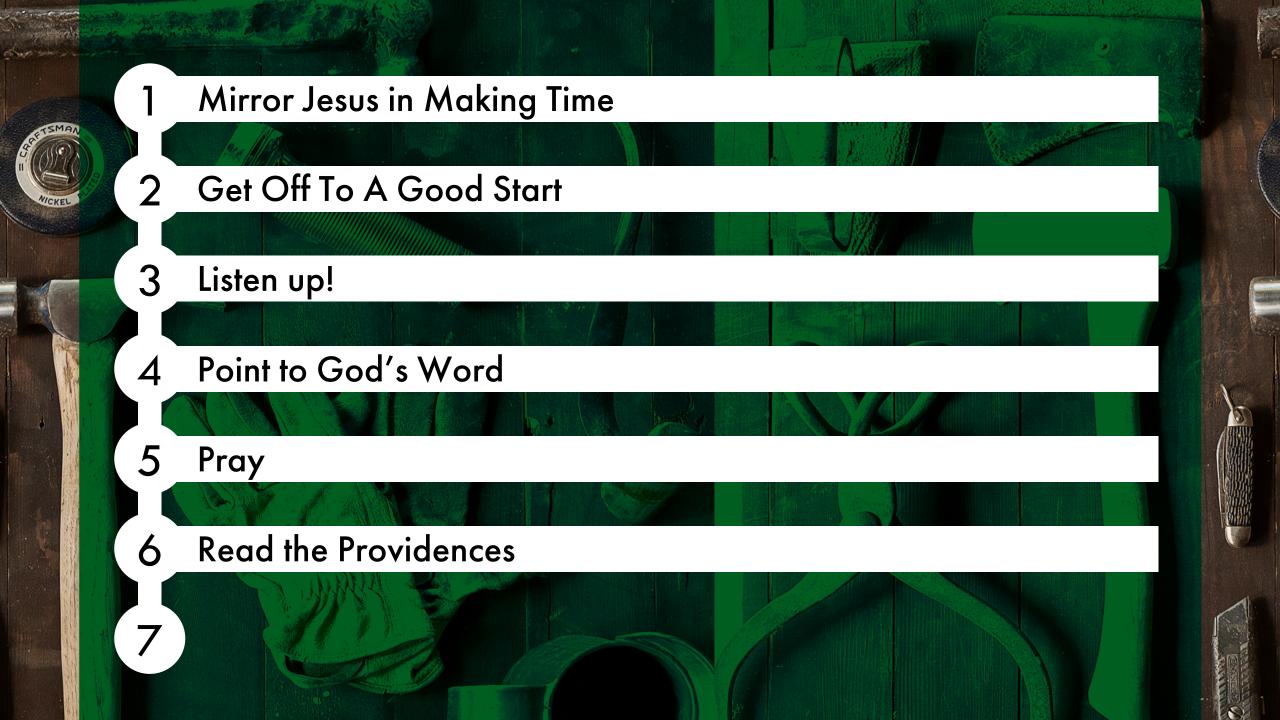
If you don't know the answer, look it up together. That's ok.



PRAYER IN MENTORING AND DISCIPLING RELATIONSHIPS

1. Preparation Psalm 19:14 2. Spontaneous Psalm 5:2 3. Intercession 1 Samuel 12:23-24 4. Cooperative Luke 11:1; Matthew 18:20

Resource: "With Christ in the School of Prayer" by Andrew Murray



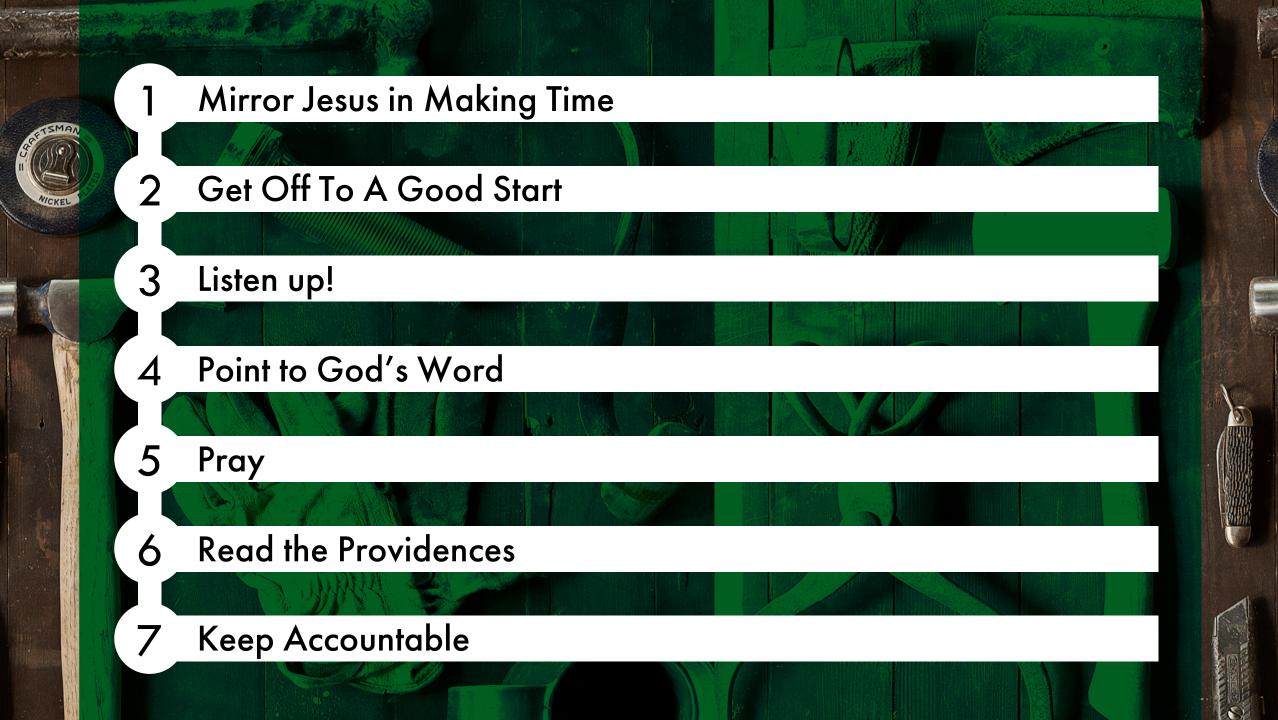
God is always working in countless ways that intentionally intertwine

"Reading the Providences"

Helping your mentee see the work of God in the everyday moments of their lives

Becoming equipped in "Reading the Providences"

LISTEN intently for what God is doing
 SPEAK OUT the providences you see
 PRAY for clarity, with thanksgiving
 REMEMBER that you'll see things they don't



Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" – 1 Corinthians 10:31

ChristianHumanEmployeePerson with a BodyNeighborManCitizenRoommate

"how you doin' at what you doin'?"

WHAT DOESN'T WORK?

The burden of accountability being on the accountability partner
 Peer accountability
 Cross-gender accountability

WHAT DOES WORK?

1. Be consistent + available 2. Be patient + celebratory 3. Use the question: "What would Jesus want me to keep for the grammar nerds: "To what would you accountable to?" Jesus want me to keep you accountable?" 4. Use the 3 C's if they confess sin 1. Call it sin 2. Call it forgiven 3. Call for a change 5. Remember (and remind) that God is always working on 100 different levels at the same time

