

TITLE: Irresistible Influence

TEXT: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.” **Proverbs 3:3-4**

TARGET: The power to influence others comes when our focus shifts from “me-centered” to “you-centered”.

- I. **A Loving Influence:** “*steadfast love*”
 - A. **Seek to be Interested before being interesting**
 1. Show you care (**Matthew 14:13-14**)
 2. Slow to speak: (**James 1:19**)
 - B. **Seek to Make Others Feel important**
 1. Names Matter (**John 4; Luke 19:5**)
 2. Questions Flatter (**John 21:15-17**)
- II. **A Faithful Influence:** “*bind them around your neck*”
 - A. Friending: be selective (**Proverbs 12:26, 13:20**)
 - B. Critiquing: be careful (**Matthew 7:1**)
 - C. Celebrating: be championing (**Romans 12:10**)
 - D. Inviting: be a bringer (**John 1:40-42**)

The Key Component: Intentional

TAKE AWAY: You can't be INFLUENTIAL without being INTENTIONAL