



**Spiritual Friendship Part 7 –
The Cautionary Tale of Ahab & Jezebel
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*Key Passage: 1 Kings 21 & Psalm 1***

We cultivate spiritual friendships because we need friends who will continually point us to Jesus, speaking God's wisdom—not the culture's "common sense"—into our lives.

Well off will be the person
who does not let evil advice infect their thinking,
who does not choose into the lifestyles of the worldly,
nor find their community and identity among those who mock God.
Rather may their heart delight in and be oriented toward the Lord's guidance
and may their mind be focused on Christ's teaching,
as they eagerly pursue God's will and instruction.

WHAT PICTURE DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN?
THE TREE BY THE STREAM

- Unlimited access to living water
- Fruitful
- Sturdy
- The glory of God shining through you never fades

THE CHAFF BLOWING IN THE WIND

- Beaten down and trampled
- Tossed vulnerable into the wind
- Not fruitful, not rooted, not drawing joy, purpose, or peace from the living water

“The Lord shows his people how to live, but the wicked have lost their way.”

(Psalm 1:6, ERV)

Choose to live in the first picture.

- ➔ Change your orientation.
- ➔ Commit to God’s word, God’s way, and a community of spiritual friends who will encourage you in those commitments.

