Sermon Series:	**WISDOM**
Today's Message:	**Godly Counsel**
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Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)
"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."

We are CREATED for COMMUNITY.

MAXIMUM GROWTH is achieved through close, GODLY RELATIONSHIPS – not in ISOLATION.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Hebrews 10:24-25

We are SHAPED by those with whom we spend time.

Necessary for Sharpening:

1. **TIME**
2. ***TRUST***
3. ***TRANSPARENCY***

   James 5:16

4. ***TRUTH-BEARING* & *RECEIVING***

   Proverbs 15:22; 19:20

Proverbs 27:6, 9 (NLT)

"Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy….the heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense."

Application Challenge:

Who is in my close circle and are they sharpening me? Who does God want to sharpen through me and am I being faithful? If I am in need of someone to speak wisdom into my life, what step can I take to start this process?