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**Message Series:** Disciples Who Make Disciples, Pt. 3

**Today's Message:** The Necessity for Authenticity

**Reminder:** "It is wonderful what God can do with a broken heart \_\_\_\_\_. He gets \_\_\_\_\_ the pieces."  
~Chadwick

**The Prodigal—The Truth Unseen:** The younger brother had a lot of damage - but the older brother-  
\_\_\_\_\_ -had more \_\_\_\_\_ damage.

Luke 15:28 "But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him..."

**Unhealthy Brokenness:** Some refuse \_\_\_\_\_ their damage and become paralyzed from moving forward.

**The Younger Brother:** Luke 15:17, 18 "But when he came to himself... I will arise and go to my father."

**ALL of us:** Need to go Home and then remain Home with God.

#### Friendship's Core Four:

1. Knowing and Growing in God
2. Serving in the Family of God
3. Loving and Leading our Families
4. Connecting and Caring for the Lost

#### The Necessity for Authenticity: From Informing To Equipping

##### #1. The Challenge To \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 29:25 "The fear of man brings a snare but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe."

Proverbs 28:13 "People who conceal their sins will not prosper..."

\* **Our Churches:** Often hinder honest vulnerability, creating a culture of perfectionism.

James 5:16 "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."

\* **Our Churches:** Often have \_\_\_\_\_ issues that destroy healing.

\* "No leader walks with a strut—they always walk with a limp." ~Chand

\* **In Being Open and Vulnerable**—You don't just inform about "How to Be a Christian", you can then be used to help \_\_\_\_\_ others to help set captive's free.

\* Isaiah 61:1

##### #2. Our Life and Character to Be True

\* When brokenness does not drive us to God's heart but shine's the spotlight on "poor me", God's

gracious love is not magnified, and His glory remains unseen.

\* **Not-Yet Christians:** Know that no one is perfect and assume the church is full of hypocrites who can't be honest and real.

James 3:2 "*We all stumble in many ways...*"

1 John 1:8 "*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves...*"

**Truth:** "You can't lead where you don't go, and you can't teach what you don't know."

**The SHIFT Needed:** From Informing People —▶ To Equipping People