

# The Real Men Connect: Brothers' Keepers Me & 3 Blueprint©

**Step 1 - PICK:** Ask/pray to God and the Holy Spirit to lead and press on your heart (3) men who He wants you to bless with your presence and cover with your prayers by building a friendship with them. **Don't judge, don't doubt, don't fear, just pick and obey.**

**Example:** Ask God to reveal to you three (3) men (*of any age*) from your circle of influence:

- at your **Church/Small Group**
- on your **Job/Business**
- in your **Neighborhood/Community**
- in your **Organization/Club/Civic Group/Team**
- on your **Committee/Board**
- through the **Women** you know
- Strangers** you meet

**Step 2 - STICK:** Do whatever it takes to STAY in touch with your 3 men (*even if they're not responding*), until the Holy Spirit releases you from the responsibility of covering them. This is vitally important; **you must be intentional about reaching out and staying connected to these men.** Be persistent, intentional, and consistent. Pray to God concerning the ones He wants you to release from your list, but make sure you ask Him to give you another man to replace the one(s) you release.

**Example:** When reaching out to the brothers you're covering, just let them know you were thinking about them, praying for them, and God put them on your heart to just check on them to see how they were doing. You can accomplish this in several ways.

- Phone call: *"I was just checking to see how you were doing."*
- Voice mail message: *"You were on my heart, and I wanted to let you know I was praying for you Bro."*
- Text message: *"Was thinking about you, how can I pray for you this week?"*
- Email message: *"I just read this great book, and I thought you might enjoy it."*
- Personal Letter/note: *"Here's a great article I read, thought I'd send it to you."*
- Card (birthday, friendship, just because, etc.): *"Happy anniversary Bro. My best to you and the wife."*

**Step 3 - INVITE:** Use your contact with your 3 men as an opportunity to INVITE them into your world or as a request to enter theirs. **The goal is to do "life-on-life" discipleship with them.** What you invite them to shouldn't be limited to "church" or only church activities. Start with lower level (*the easiest*) invites and build up to the higher level (*more difficult*) ones that require more of a time commitment.

**Example:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Level Invite: public meeting (lunch/coffee), event/outing (*ex. ball game, car show, bowling, trade show – anything/any place where there are other people around*) **Goal: to SIT**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Invite: personal event (yours or theirs) (*ex. dinner/cookout at your home, workout, watch ballgame at your house, helping them move, build/repair something, yard work, etc.*) **Goal: to TALK**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Invite: group event (*ex. league softball or basketball team/other group sport, dads and daughters' event, father and sons' event, group seminar/workshop, etc.*) **Goal: to PLAY**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Level Invite: ministry event (*ex. church service, bible study, men's/group ministry, men's retreat/breakfast, discipleship group, etc.*) **Goal: to LEARN**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Level Invite: mission event (*ex. mission trip, serving/feeding the homeless, prison ministry, disaster relief project, street evangelism, etc.*) **Goal: to SERVE**

**Step 4 – EXCITE:** Whenever one of your 3 brothers expresses heart-felt gratitude for your friendship and the impact you've had on him, now is the time to REVEAL to him **BK Me & 3 Blueprint** and what you've been doing. **Let him know that you were hoping he would be excited about doing the same for 3 others what you've done for him.**

**Example:** *"Bill, you don't have to thank me. You've been a blessing to me as well. But I must make a confession. I want to tell you why I reached out to you to build a friendship. I'm part of a small group called Brothers' Keepers (or whatever group you're in), and we were challenged to pray to God to reveal to us (3) men to cover in prayer and to establish a friendship. You were one of the (3) men God put on my heart. I was eventually hoping you would ask God to do for you what I asked Him to do for me, and that's to show you (3) men He wants YOU to reach out and connect with. Are you ready? If you are, I can show you how."*

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