



## Better Together: Building Intergenerational Relationships That Last

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How do we build relationships with younger people?

### 1. Active listening

Acts 9:27 NIV “But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.”

- a. Barnabas listened to Saul’s testimony.
- b. Barnabas defended Saul’s testimony.
- c. Barnabas shared what Saul did.

### 2. You are sent to others

Acts 11:25 NIV “Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul.”

- a. Barnabas did not wait for Saul to come to him.
- b. Barnabas went to Tarsus, picked up Saul, and went to Antioch.

### 3. Serve together

Acts 11:26 NIV “and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”

- a. Served together
- b. Encouraged and supported each other
- c. Defined a movement

1. These relationships are not perfect
2. What if Barnabas said no?
3. We are natural nurturers. To nurture means to care for and encourage the growth or development of another

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (CSB) WE cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become so dear to us.

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