



## teen Talk

**Q:** I really like the idea of having a mentor. I love my Mom and all, but I can see it would be good to have someone help me with things that maybe Mom can't. You see, I'm really into sports and, well, Mom isn't. We have different talents and that is okay. I'd like to use my athletic talents for His glory, but I'm just not sure how to do that. A woman at our church coaches sports at another high school in our area. How do I find out if she would be willing to mentor me?

**A:** Wow! I'm so impressed that you and your Mom have such a trusting relationship and also that you feel ready and able to ask someone else for help with your talents. If you know this woman well enough, just ask to talk to her, and say what you asked in your question. Explain that it is important to you to use your gifts and abilities to God's glory and you want to know if the two of you could chat and spend some time together learning about how to "play for God." I think you may find that she will be honored by your request and that both of you may learn a lot from each other. You will have the start of a "she" and a "me" mentorship, but don't forget to make sure God is a part of your relationship. Why not text each other Bible verses and pray for and with each other?

## devotion

### A Three-Way Relationship

*The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*  
Psalm 121:8

Heads or Tails? Ever try flipping a quarter to make up your mind about something? Maybe it works okay for "chocolate chip cookie dough" or "vanilla," but it doesn't cut it for real decisions.

The good news is that we all grow into making big life decisions. As little kids, we start out with picking out which book we want our parents to read to us, then move into choosing who we are going to play with, and then finally on to figuring out who will be our BFFs! And for most of us, sooner or later, the question will be, "How do I know I am really in love?"

How will you handle your big decisions? If you're looking for answers, there's good news for you. Not only does the Lord provide you with guidance from His Word, but He has put a person or persons in your life to guide and support you. It could be your mom, a teacher, or a relative. It will be someone who loves and cares for you.

As you seek to identify that special person in your life, a good place to start is prayer. Ask your Father in heaven to let you find your mentor and guide. In fact, it would be best if you thought of it as a three-way relationship — me, she, and He. When you share mutual faith in our heavenly Father and have Him as a part of your relationship, it can be built on respect and trust as well as commitment and service to each other.

**Dear Father, thank You for knowing that sometimes I need guidance from someone I can trust in helping me make decisions. Help me find and grow close to this person in Your love. Thank You for Your promise to watch over me forever. In Your Son's name I pray. Amen.**

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**Teens and their mentors — including mother-daughter duos — met at the Portland LWML Convention to learn about the mentor relationship of Ruth and Naomi and how aspects of that relationship could be in every mentor relationship. At the end of this special "she, me, and He" event, teens and their mentors exchanged bracelets.**