Invest to Influence:

If we want to increase our influence in the lives of people around us, we need to invest in them and in our relationships with them. Investing in people requires time, interest, and attention. It means that we care about what people are going through and how they feel. It means that we build relationships with them. Jesus spent three years investing in His disciples. He lived life with them. He cared about them as people. When He realized how much His disciples were grieving over His coming departure, He spent time teaching, encouraging, comforting, and praying for them. How are you investing in the lives of those close to you?

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for investing in me. Show me how I can invest in the people in my spheres of influence. In Your Strong Name, Amen.