A person with dark hair, wearing a grey hooded jacket, is seen from behind, looking up at a massive, open book that appears to be part of a forest. The book's pages are filled with text, and its edges are as tall as the surrounding trees. The scene is set in a dense forest with many tall, thin trees and green foliage in the background.

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FRIENDSHIP, PART 1

The Importance of Good Friends

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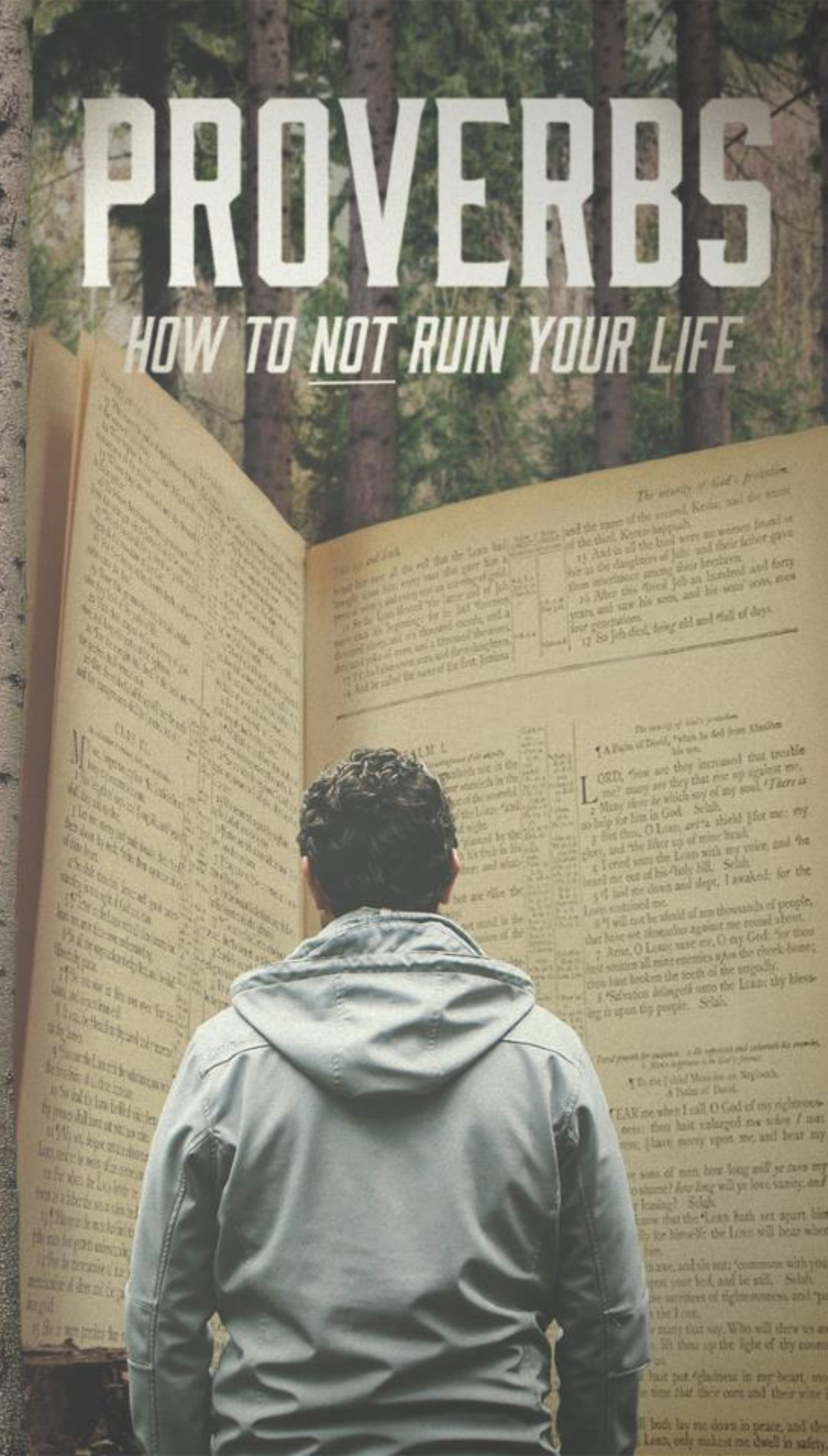
1) Friends Shape Who We Become.

Proverbs 13:20

*He who walks with the
wise will be wise, But
the companion of fools
will suffer harm.*

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What do your
friendships say
about who you have
become or are
becoming?

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2) Friends Help in Hard Times

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all
times, and a brother is
born for adversity.

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Ecclesiastes 4:10

For if either of
them falls, the one will
lift up his companion.

But woe to
the one who falls when
there is not another to
lift him up.

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3) Friends Fulfill the God-given Longing to be Loved

Proverbs 19:22

*What is desired in a man
is steadfast love.*

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Four Attributes of Friendship

Constancy

Carefulness

Candor

Counsel

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Constancy

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Constancy

Proverbs 18:24

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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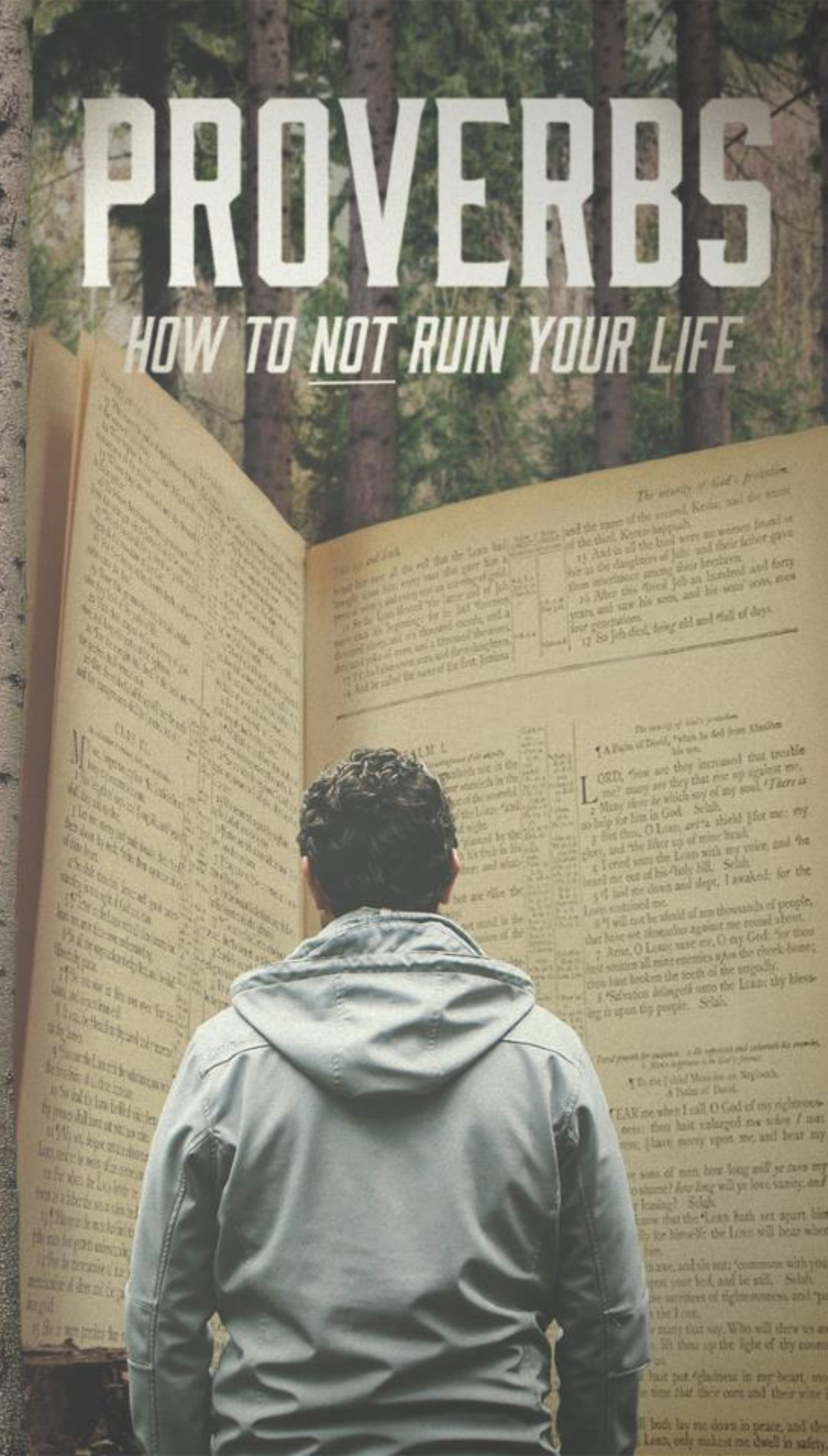


Constancy

Are you making
yourself available?
What does your
availability say
about your
friendships?

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Carefulness

Proverbs 26:18-19

*Like a madman who
throws firebrands,
arrows, and death is
the man who deceives
his neighbor and says,
“I am only joking!”*

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Carefulness

Proverbs 27:14

Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing.

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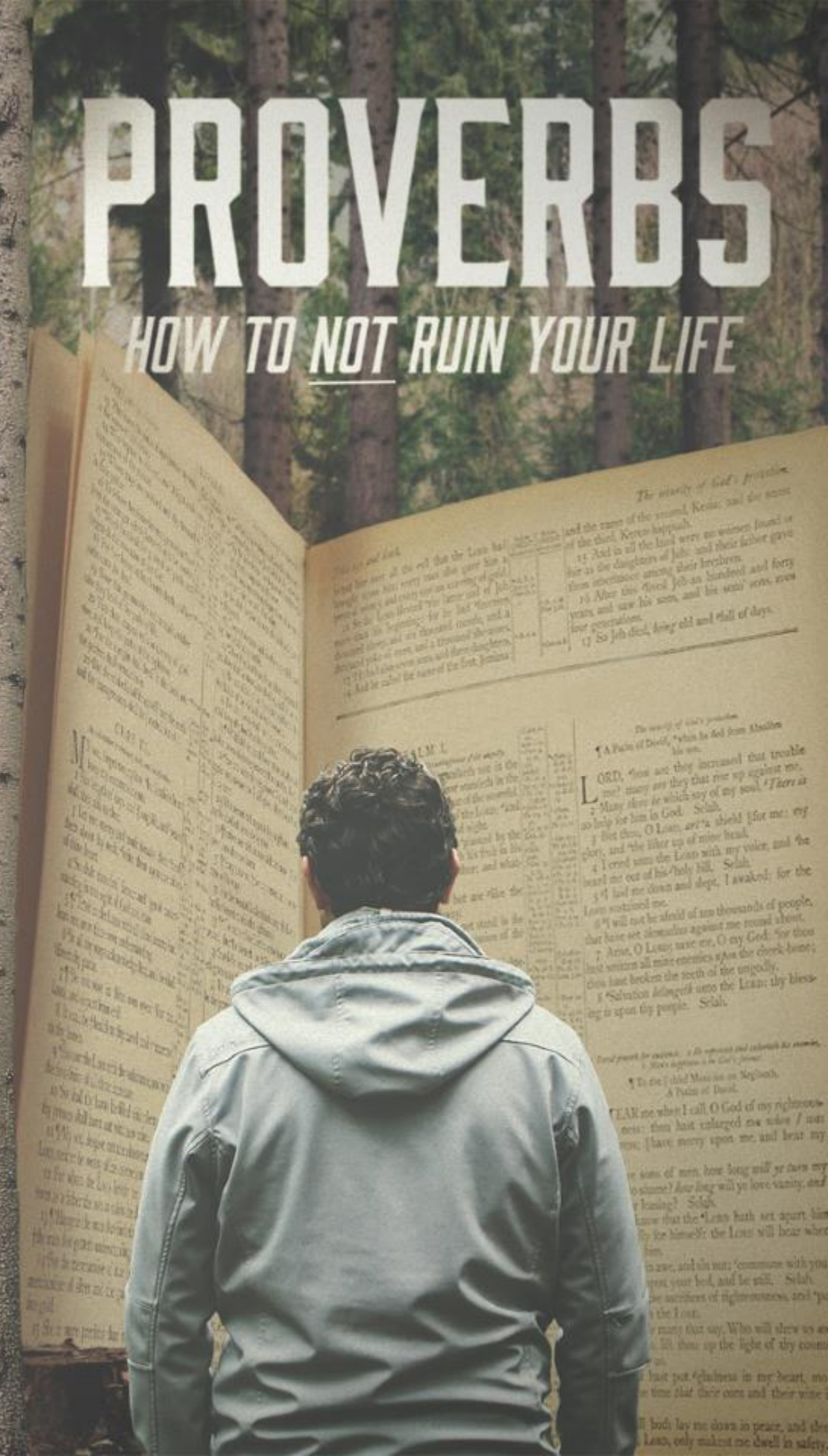
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Carefulness
Proverbs 25:17
*Let your foot be
seldom in
your neighbor's
house, lest he have his
fill of you
and hate you.*

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Carefulness

Proverbs 25:20

*Whoever sings songs
to a heavy heart is
like one who takes off
a garment on a cold
day, and like vinegar
on soda.*

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Carefulness

Who do you go to
when you are in
deep pain?

Are you the kind of
person your
friends can go to in
deep pain?

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John 15:13,15

*Greater love has no one
than this: to lay down
one's life for one's
friends...I no longer call
you servants, because a
servant does not know his
master's business. Instead,
I have called you friends.*

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