

Character Quest...Peer Pressure

Zebras live in Africa. They are often hunted for food by lions and cheetahs. A zebra alone cannot protect itself from a lion or other predator. So for this reason, zebras protect each other! One way they protect each other is by sticking together .



When zebras travel from place to place, the stronger faster zebras don't run ahead. Instead, they patiently patrol the edges of the herd to watch for danger. When they stick together, zebras are usually safe.

God also gave the zebras stripes that help to protect them. Although lions and cheetahs have excellent vision, they usually hunt at the end of the day. As it gets dark details become difficult to see. A herd of zebras looks like one huge animal with hundreds and hundreds of legs! A lion cannot see just one zebra when the zebras are together. A zebra's greatest protection comes from sticking together.

"Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1 Corinthians 13:7

God warns us not to think we are better than others. Instead, He wants us to be thankful to Him when good things happen in our lives. He wants us to be glad for what He gives us and share those gifts!

How does this relate to me?

As an MK you will always have peer pressure around you. Some of your friends will want you to do things that go against the Word of God and your parents Godly decisions. More importantly it goes against what God is telling you to do. You have to make sure that you are right in the middle of the right "herd" that is your protection.

When others are trying to get you to disobey— ask yourself if the action is something that will protect you, your body, and your walk with God. Is it something that will harm your relationship with God or protect it? Just like the zebras we need to stay safe in the protection of our families, our church, and our Godly friendships. Protect and build one another!