Genuine influence doesn't happen from a distance!

Matthew 5:13-16 NLT

"You are the salt of the earth.

But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again?

It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket.

Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see,

so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Find common interests

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 NLT

When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

Grow the Relationship

Matthew 11:19 NLT

The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!' But wisdom is shown to be right by its results.

Share **Your Story**

John 4:27-30 NLT

The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

God is currently working in the lives of your friends, teeing them up for an encounter with you. When you're ready God providentially gives each of us "moment" ripe with opportunity...It could be anywhere at any time, but when that moment arrives on the scene, we've got to be ready to gently, wisely off the hope of Christ.

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