

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. Galatians 5:25-6:5 (ESV)

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

FRIENDSHIP: THE BARRIERS

- **CONCEITED – TO LOOK IN AND FEEL EMPTY**
- **PROVOKING – TO LOOK DOWN AND FEEL SUPERIOR**

FRIENDSHIP: THE INVITATION

- **BECOME A COMMUNITY OF SINNER-RESTORERS**

Better is an open rebuke than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy. Proverbs 27:5-6 (NASB)

- **BECOME A COMMUNITY OF SELF-CORRECTORS**

... Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Galatians 6:1b (ESV)

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. Matthew 7:5 (ESV)

- **BECOME A COMMUNITY OF BURDEN-BEARERS**

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (ESV)