

*A friend is always loyal,
and a brother is born to help in time of need.*

Proverbs 17:17 (NLT)

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

John 15:12-13 (NIV)

1. WHY OUR RELATIONSHIPS DON'T WORK

*"An idol is something we look to for things that only God can give."
- Tim Keller*

"If we look to some created thing to give us the meaning, hope, and happiness that only God himself can give, it will eventually fail to deliver and break our hearts." - Tim Keller

"Idolatry is simply love in the wrong order." - Augustine

Whenever God is removed from the center of our lives, we can never truly be satisfied.

2. HOW OUR RELATIONSHIPS WERE MEANT TO WORK

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

It was from relationship that God created relationship.

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."

Genesis 1:29 (NIV)

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

3. WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WORK BETTER / WHERE TO GET STARTED

- Go to God first
- Own our part
- Stop using our words
- Worship

Before love is something we can do, love has to be Someone we have met.