

## Healthy Relationships

### God's Special Gift

Loneliness is a terrible thing! God never meant us to live like that!

From the beginning God made us for relationships!

- Adam and Eve. [Genesis 2:18, 21-24](#)
- Adam and Eve with God. [Genesis 3:8-10](#)
- Adam and Eve with children. [Genesis 4:1-2, 25](#)
- Enoch with God. [Hebrews 11:5](#)
- Abraham with God. [James 2:23](#)

Three key relationships in life...

- With God.
  - God makes it possible for us to have a relationship with Him. [Ephesians 2:13-19](#)
  - Jesus called his disciples his friends. [John 15:13-15](#)
- With family.
  - The building block of society is the family relationship! [Genesis 1:27-28](#)
  - When we read the many instructions in the Bible to it, we realize that God is very serious about family relationships!
- With the Church.
  - God gives us a relationship with other believers. [I Corinthians 12:12-20](#)
  - God means for us to love one another! [John 13:34-35](#)

Why relationships are important...

- God designed them!
- They are the only thing we take to Heaven with us!
- They are the bridge to reaching the unchurched!
  - Jesus was called the "friend of sinners". [Luke 7:34; 5:29-31](#)
  - Peter and Nathanael were brought to Jesus through relationships. [John 1:40-46](#)
  - Our mission, the Great Commission, assumes relationships. [Matthew 28:19](#)