



**FRIENDSHIP**  
RELATIONSHIP STATUS pt. 1  
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**UNDERSTANDING FRIENDSHIP:**

- FRIENDSHIP IS DEFINED AS A LONG-LASTING BOND OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND SHARED MOMENTS.
- CLOSE FRIENDS ARE \_\_\_\_\_ TO LIVING A FULFILLING LIFE.
- THE FIRST THING GOD DECLARED AS “NOT GOOD” WAS MAN BEING \_\_\_\_\_.
- WITHOUT FRIENDS, WE LOSE OUR \_\_\_\_\_.

**UNDERSTANDING KEEPING IN THE SPIRIT:**

- CHRISTIANITY IS THE ONLY RELIGION WHERE \_\_\_\_\_ IS CENTRAL TO UNDERSTANDING GOD.
- WE SEEK \_\_\_\_\_ TO BRING ABOUT RESTORATION.
- FRIENDSHIP BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_ TO BURDENS.
- \_\_\_\_\_ STANDS IN THE WAY OF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT.
- PAUL IS CALLING THE CHURCH TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE SPIRIT.



ARE YOU \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### **QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION**

1. Reflecting on Genesis 2:18, why do you think God declared it "not good" for Adam to be alone? How does this emphasize the importance of relationships and companionship in human life?
2. The sermon mentions a significant increase in the number of Americans reporting having no close friends over the years. What factors do you think might contribute to this trend, and what impact could it have on society?
3. What role does pride play in hindering genuine friendships and relationships? How can we overcome pride to foster healthier connections with others?
4. The message discussed the concept of gentle restoration when correcting a friend caught in sin. How do you interpret this idea, and why is it important in maintaining healthy relationships within a community?
5. Reflecting on Galatians 5:13-15 & 5:25 - 6:5, what insights do these verses provide about the nature of Christian relationships and mutual accountability? How can we apply these principles in our interactions with others today?