

# Why Relationships Are Important

*Growing Great Relationships – Part 1*

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*Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV) Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

## 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ you for relationships

*Genesis 2:18a (NIV) The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone ..."*

### 1A. Relationships meet \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 2:18b (NIV) "... I will make a helper suitable for him."*

### 1B. Relationships provide \_\_\_\_\_

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV) Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!*

## 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ relationships into your life

*Genesis 2:22 (NIV) Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*

## 2A. God places you in a \_\_\_\_\_ family

*Psalms 127:3 (NIV) Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.*

## 2B. God places you in a \_\_\_\_\_ family

*1 Peter 1:22 (NLT) You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.*

## 3. God has \_\_\_\_\_ for your relationships

### 3A. Relationships build \_\_\_\_\_

*1 John 4:20-21 (NIV) If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

### 3B. Relationships are a \_\_\_\_\_

*John 13:34-35 (NIV) "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*