

REALIGN FRIENDSHIPS

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REALIGN — PART 3

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1. You were created for both a PERSONAL and a SHARED relationship with God.

[2 Corinthians 7:5-7](#) (CSB)—In fact, when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest. Instead, we were troubled in every way: conflicts on the outside, fears within. 6 But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the arrival of Titus, 7 and not only by his arrival but also by the comfort he received from you.

2. Be WISE when choosing FRIENDS.

[Proverbs 27:17](#) (ESV)—Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

[Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#) (CSB)—Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. 10 For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up. 12 And if someone overpowers one person, two can resist him.

[Proverbs 12:26](#) (NIV)—The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

[Proverbs 13:20](#) (CSB)—The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm.

3. Three Friends Everyone Needs:

[Acts 13:22](#) (CSB)—God said, “I have found David the son of Jesse to be a man after My own heart, who will carry out all My will.”

a. **A Samuel:** A friend who makes you a BETTER person.

[1 Samuel 16:12-13](#) (CSB)—Then the Lord said, “Anoint him, for he is the one.” 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully on David from that day forward.

b. **A Jonathan:** A friend who STRENGTHEN your character and faith.

[1 Samuel 23:15-16](#) (CSB)—David was in the Wilderness of Ziph in Horesh when he saw that Saul had come out to take his life. 16 Then Saul’s son Jonathan came to David in Horesh and encouraged him in his faith in God.

c. **A Nathan:** A friend who will TELL you the TRUTH.

[2 Samuel 12:7](#) (CSB)—Nathan replied to David, “You are the man!”

4. To have good friends—BE a GOOD FRIEND.

[Proverbs 17:17](#) (CSB)—A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a difficult time.

[Proverbs 27:10](#) (CSB)—Don’t abandon your friend

Big Take-Away

History’s most heroic act of friendship was the CROSS.

[John 15:13](#) (CSB)—No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.

Are you ready to accept Jesus today?

Just pray a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen

Did you pray to receive Christ today? If yes, then let us know. Text “**NEXT**” to **573-340-4037**

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