

## Week 8. Connect: The Power of Relationships

### Choose my relationships carefully.

(Proverbs 27:19 GN) A mirror reflects a man's face but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.

1. **Nurture** my important relationships.

(1 Peter 4:7-8) The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

2. **Restore** my broken relationships.

(Colossians 3:13) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

3. **Sever** any harmful relationships.

(Proverbs 13:20) He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

4. **Initiate** some meaningful relationships.

(Hebrews 10:25) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another -and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### Develop the Right Relationships

1. Develop my relationship with my **church**.

(Ephesians 2:19 LB) ...You are members of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

2. Develop my relationship with **godly** friends.

(Acts 2:44 LB) All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other.

3. Develop my relationship with a **team**.

(Ecclesiastes 4:8-9) There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.

**We** is always better than **me**.