



Get Real About Relationships

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When we get real about relationships, we encounter God's plan for life.

God exists in eternal relationship and community.

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

When Jesus walked on this earth He invested faithfully in relationships.

Matthew 9:9

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

The Great Commandment is all about relationships.

Matthew 22:37-39

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus' high priestly prayer was saturated with relationships

John 17:20-22

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Get real about the hurdles and obstacles in relationships.

Hurdle One: Human selfishness

Hurdle Two: Busy lives

Hurdle Three: Isolation

Hurdle Four: Increasing polarization

Hurdle Five: Faulty thinking

Hurdle Six: Past hurts

Getting Real About the [Healthy Relationships](#)

- Healthy relationships take time.
- Healthy relationships demand hard work.
- Healthy relationships demand that we see from the other person's perspective.
- Healthy relationships come in many shapes and forms.

Getting Real About [Our Part](#) in Thriving Relationships

- Invest sacrificial love
- Offer a listening ear
- Ask for and offer forgiveness
- Keep a high profile in the hard times

Getting Real About the [Benefits](#) and [Blessings](#) of Godly relationships

There is strength in numbers.

We need people to share our sorrows and victories.

We can be a witness to those who don't know God's love and the grace of Jesus.

We grow, learn, and mature through the influence of others.

There is huge potential for fun and joy.

Let's get real, relationships are hard, heavenly gifts, and are worth the investment.