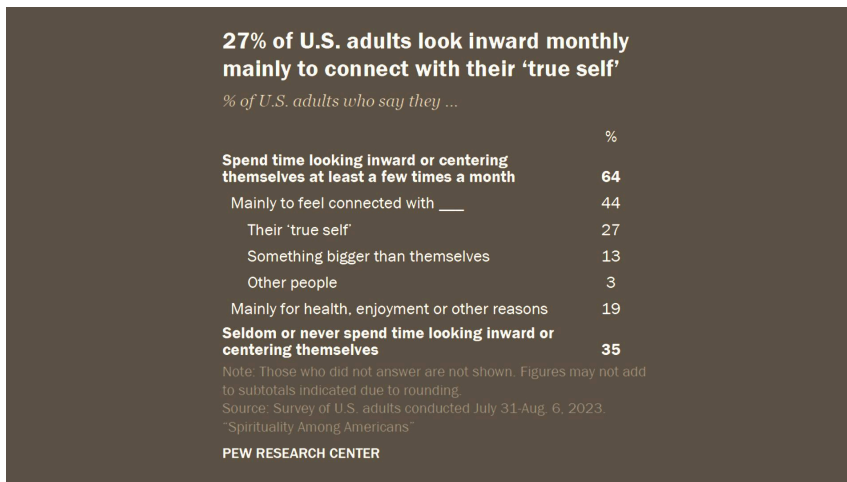


# The Lost Art of Spiritual Connections

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## 1. God's Way

2 Timothy 1:1-5

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanksgiving 3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in*

*my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

2 Timothy 4:5

*But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

Genesis 1:26-27

*Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

## **2. Broken Ways**

2 Timothy 4:3-4

*For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*

Genesis 3:1

*The Fall*

*3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"*

**Guilt: What we've done.**

**Shame: Who we are.**

## **3. Health and Healing.**

Joel 2:13

*Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.*

Philippians 2:3-4

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

Romans 12:10-13

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

***How can we have spiritual connections with others?***

**1. Empathize with compassion.**

**Good Samaritan**

**2. Evangelize with gentleness.**

Colossians 4:6

*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

**Engage in Hospitality**

Romans 12:13

*Practice hospitality.*

1 Peter 4:9

*Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*