

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

Job 42:10 [ESV]. And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

1. Best friendships in the Bible (Ps. 133:1):

- Moses and Joshua (Dt. 34:9)
- Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1:16-17)
- David and Jonathon (1 Sam. 18:3)
- Jesus and Simon Peter (Lk. 22:32)
- Paul and Timothy (Phil. 2:22)

2. Broken friendships in the Bible:

- Jacob and Esau (Gen. 27:41, 33:4)
- Joseph and the brothers (Gen. 37:11, 50:15)
- David and friends (Ps. 41:9, 55:12-14, 20-21)
- Paul and John Mark (Acts 15:39; 2 Tim. 4:11)

I. Making friendships (Prov. 17:17, 18:24, 27:5-6, 17; Ecc. 4:9-10)

II. Keeping friendships (Phil. 2:22; 2 Tim. 1:16; 1 Cor. 13:4-7)

III. Mending friendships

- Marriage relationship (1 Pet. 3:7)
- Debtor relationship (Mt. 6:14-15)
- Christian relationship (1 Jn. 4:7-8)
- Church relationship (1 Cor. 11:27)
- Family relationship (Mt. 18:35)

A. Essential to worship (Mt. 5:23-26)

1. Remember

- a. Something against you (Mt. 18:15)
- b. Something against them (Mk. 11:25)

2. Reconcile

- a. Act swiftly (Heb. 12:15)
- b. Avoid sentence (Mt. 18:34; Lk. 12:58-59)

B. Evidence of salvation (Mk. 11:25)

Forgiven people forgive (Mt. 6:12, 14-15).

1. Debt owed by others
2. Debt owed to God (Col. 3:13; Eph. 4:32; 1 Jn. 4:20)

IV. Sharing friendships (Mk. 5:19; Lk. 15:6; Acts 10:24)

V. Knowing the Friend (Jas. 2:23)