

# Building Better Relationships

## Series: Relationships

### What The Bible Says...

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Than Relationships

*“The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Galatians 5:14 (NIV)*

*“...if I don’t love others, I would be nothing!” 1 Corinthians 13:2 (NLT)*

#### 2. Relationships Are Hard Because \_\_\_\_\_

*“There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake.” Ecclesiastes 7:20 (GN)*

*“The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict.” Galatians 5:17 (NLT)*

#### 3. Relational Problems Are Caused By \_\_\_\_\_

*“Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. You want things, but you do not have them... So you argue and fight.” James 4:1-2 (NCV)*

*“The things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man ‘unclean.’” Matthew 15:18 (NIV)*

*“The wrong things the sinful self does are clear... hating, making trouble, being jealous, being angry, being selfish, making people angry with each other, causing divisions among people, feeling envy, being drunk... and doing other things like these.” Galatians 5:19-21 (NCV)*

*“If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.” Galatians 5:15-16 (NIV)*

### How Can I Build Better Relationships?

#### 1. Face Up To \_\_\_\_\_

*“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8 (NIV)*

#### 2. Face Up To \_\_\_\_\_

*“In the world you will have trouble.” John 16:33 (NIV)*

#### 3. Focus On \_\_\_\_\_

*“We get our new life from the Spirit, so we should follow the Spirit. We must not be proud or make trouble with each other or be jealous.” Galatians 5:25-26 (NCV)*

*“The Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23 (NCV)*