

Week 8: Difficult Areas

Brotherhood

Deep Well Church

September 2025





Week 1: God's Design

Week 2: Purpose & Rewards

Week 3: A Man's Role

Week 4: A Women's Role

Week 5: Sexual Intimacy

Week 6: Children & Parenting

Week 7: Relationships

Week 8: Brotherhood

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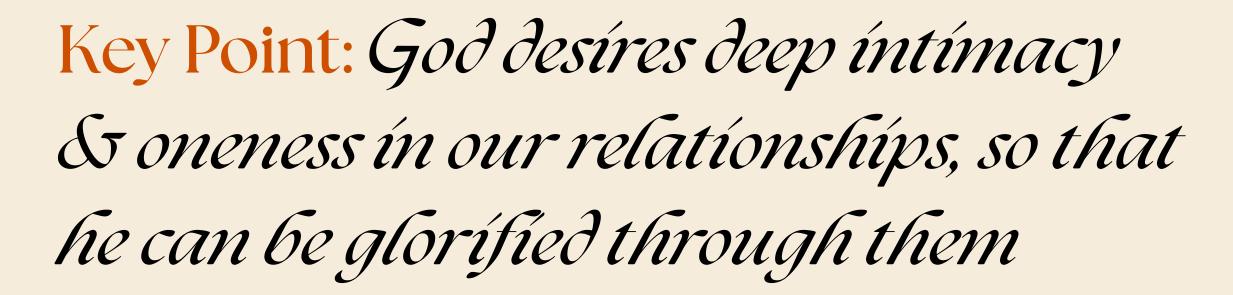
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### John 17:20-23 Jesus' Prayer for All Behever's

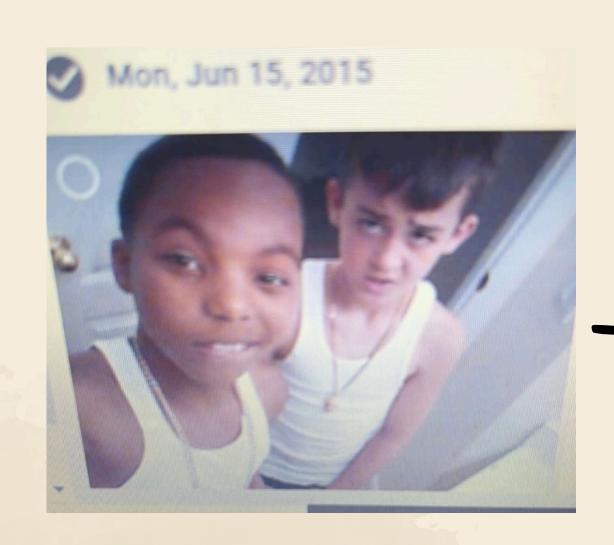


- Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer"
- Praying for His disciples and for us (future believers)
- Theme: Alignment in Christ →
   Brotherhood that displays God's glory

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. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."











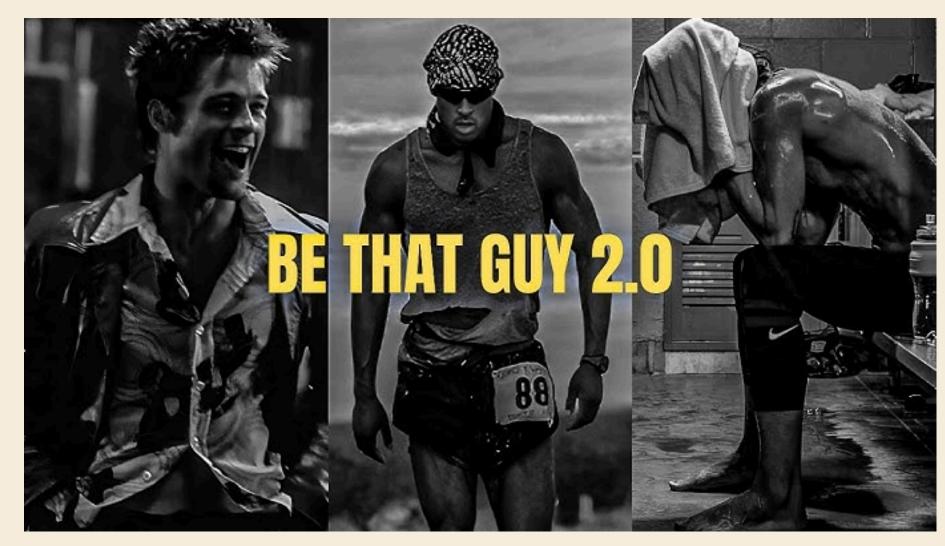
Brotherhood (adelphotēs) = The state of being brothers; a community of brothers; fellowship of believer's.

- 1 Peter 2:17 (NIV 1984) "Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king."
- 1 Peter 5:9 (NIV 1984) "Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings."

## Worlds Way Vs. God's Way

### The World's Message!

### Brotherhood is weakness!



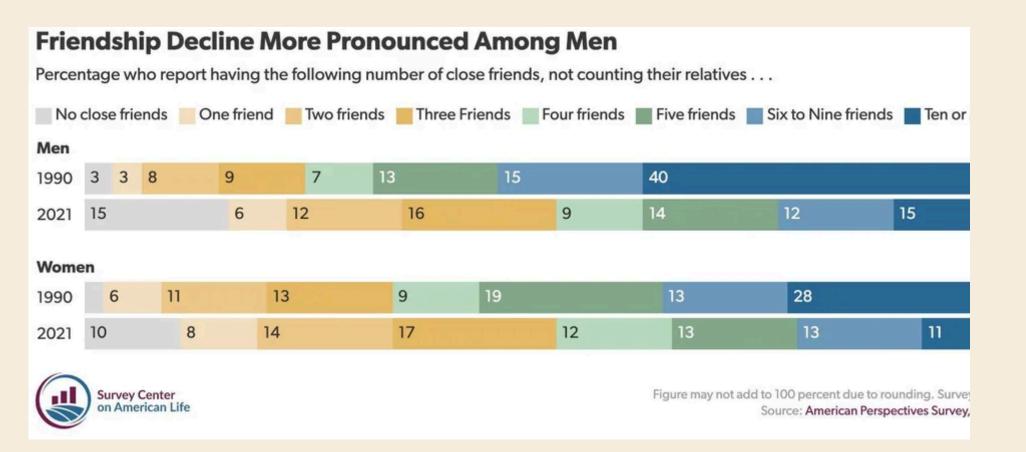
Solo Dolo!

### My success first!



### Consequences

### NATIONALLY- FRIENDSHIP RECESSION



#### LOCALLY-AURORA



### **Economically**

"ISOLATION COSTS ALL OF US: ESTIMATED \$6.7B EXTRA MEDICARE SPEND; \$154B IN WORKPLACE ABSENTEEISM." HHS.GOV

"THE BEST PREDICTOR OF LONG LIFE & HAPPINESS? RELATIONSHIPS."

# God's Way Old and New Testament = MAJOR

2 Samuel 1:26 (Young men)

Philippians 4: 2-3 (Women)

Proverbs 18:26 (Everyone)

Book of Ruth (Women)

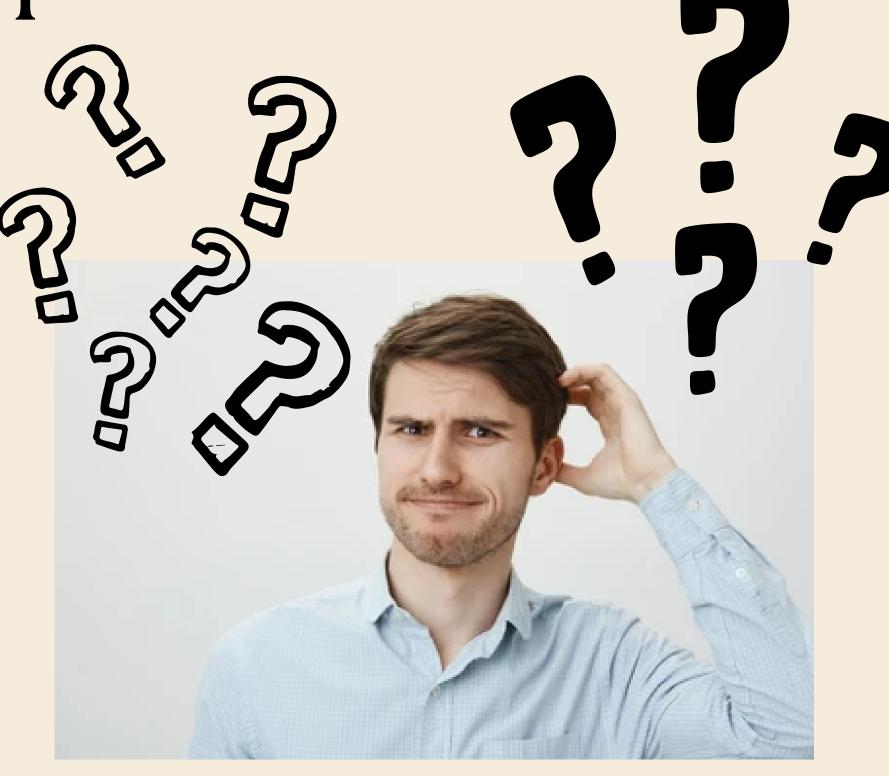
2 Corinthians 7:5-7 (Hardships)

Paul's Example of Fellowship (Men)

Acts 4 (Peter and John) (Courage)

Expect Opposition!!





## Early Church History



Roman Imperial Age 2 Century AD

Church Accused of Incest for Fellowship/Brotherly Love

## Defense

### Tertullian 197 AD

- Lawyer
- Convert to Christianity
- Inspired by the Apostles Death
- Known for Trinity Doctrine



## Proximity Gives Glory to God

33"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

34"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 <u>By this</u> everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:33-34

### Practical How

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Attend Church

• Start Building(Discipleship)

Keep up the good fight



### Closing Encouragement



- 2 Peter 1 (Add to your godliness)
- 1 Thessalonians 1
- Hebrews (10:25)







# Communion



## Let Us Pray

