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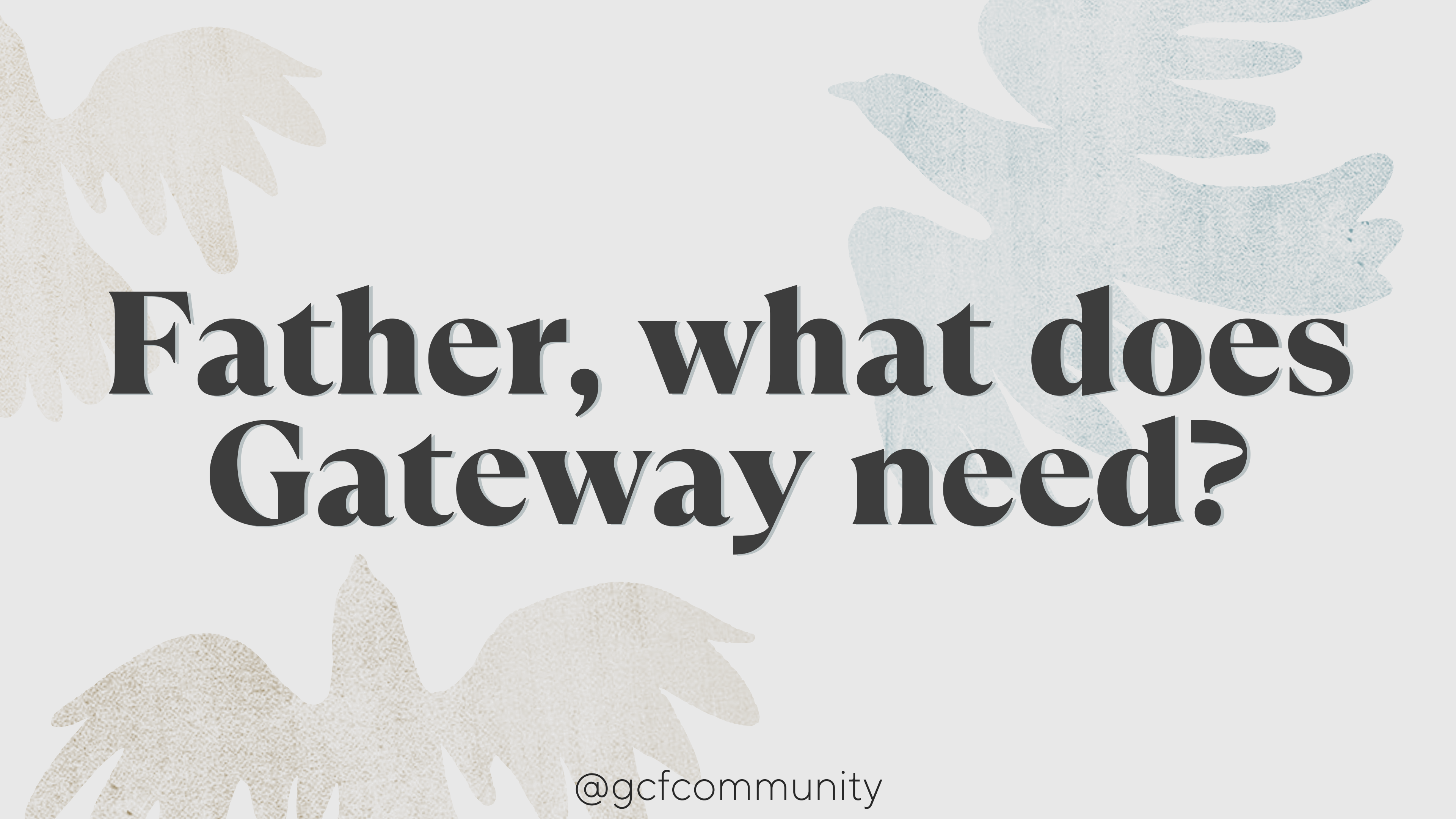
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# Father, what does Gateway need?

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The background features several stylized hand silhouettes. Some are in a textured gold color, while others are in a muted blue-grey. The hands are positioned as if reaching out or supporting each other, creating a sense of community and aid.

# **A Helpful Word for Hard Times**

**HOPE. FRIENDS. WORDS.**



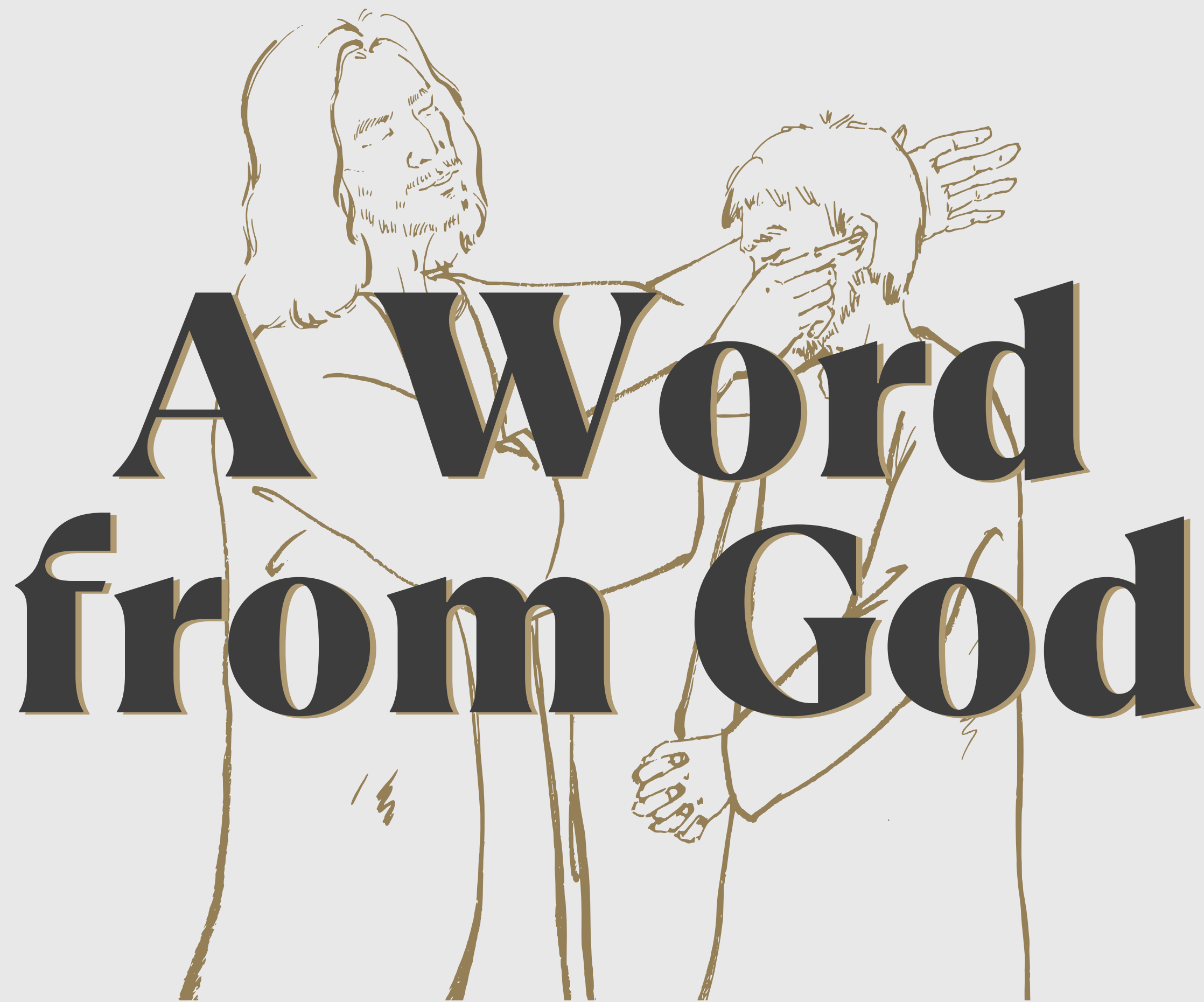
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The word "Hope" is written in a white, serif font with a thin black outline. It is centered horizontally. Behind the letters "o" and "p" is a stylized flame graphic. The flame is composed of several overlapping shapes in shades of orange and yellow, with a darker orange base and lighter yellow tips, suggesting a fire or a flame. The background is a solid, dark gray.

An illustration featuring five hands of diverse skin tones (light beige, tan, and brown) arranged in a circle, each holding a central red heart. The hands are stylized with simple outlines and flat colors. The heart is a solid, vibrant red. The entire graphic is centered behind the text.

**A Trusted Friend**





**“I wish I stayed in touch with my friends and given my friendships the time and effort they deserve. Everyone misses their friends when they’re dying.”**

**— Bronnie Ware**



**We are designed by God for  
connection, relationship, and  
friendship.**

**As we go through life, the desire for connection with others remains constant. Human connection is essential; it is what we crave. It communicates a sense of security, allowing the heart to relax and become more receptive.**



**Friendship offers advantages to enjoy, adversities to overcome, and a friendship-building approach to embrace.**



**“A friend loves at all times, and  
a brother is born for a time of  
adversity.”**

**PROVERBS 17:17 NIV**

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**“There are ‘friends’ who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.”**

**PROVERBS 18:24 NLT**

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