

## Getting to the Heart of Friendships

I. Longing for relationship.

II. But even though I was created for friendships, if I'm not rooted in Christ's love I'll be tempted to use relationships for what they will do for me.

“We enter relationships for personal pleasure, self-actualization, and fun. We want low personal cost and high self-defined returns.”<sup>1</sup>

III. The heart of friendships.

IV. Our desires are better fulfilled in Christ.

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<sup>1</sup>Lane, Tim & Tripp, Paul. (2006). *Relationships: A Mess Worth Making*. Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, p. 48.

<b>Orientation of Friendship</b>	<b>Seeks/ Wants/ Desires</b>	<b>Acceptable Cost</b>	<b>Nightmare/ Fear</b>
<b>Approval Oriented</b>			
<b>Control Oriented</b>			
<b>Protection Oriented</b>			
<b>Rightness Oriented</b>			
<b>Pleasure Oriented</b>			
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<b>Prestige Oriented</b>			

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