

**Thankful Series**  
**“Thankful for Relationships”**  
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Scripture: Romans 16:1-16 (NLT)

Six Truths about Relationships

1. We were created to be in relationships.
2. Life is made up of all different types of relationships.
3. The richest people in the world are those who are rich in relationships.
  - Paul was thankful for the relationships he had in his life.
4. The greatest joys of life are directly tied to relationships.
5. The greatest pains in life are directly tied to relationships.
6. Relationships are what connect us to a greater community.
  - Everyone has a longing for belonging!

Three Communities We Can Belong to

1. Community of Family

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-18

Family was God's idea.  
Family was God's design.  
Family was created for a purpose.

Scripture: Luke 2:41-51

Scripture: 2. Timothy 1:5

2. Community of Friends

There are friends placed in our lives for a season and for a reason.

While we should long for godly friends, we ought to spend more of our times trying to be one.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Scriptures: Proverbs 17:9; 17:17; 18:24; 20:6; 24:26; 27:6; 27:9; 27:17

### 3. Community of Faith

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

While we are a part of THE Church, we should be a part of A Church.

There are some things we can only accomplish together!

The community of faith:

- connects us
- cares for each other
- challenges us
- cultivates growth

Even if we don't have a strong family or any friends on this earth , I'm thankful that God still provides...

a friend in Jesus.

Scripture:

Romans 5:8-11

a faith family.

Scriptures:

Ephesians 1:4-5

Psalm 68:5

Psalm 27:10