

FAMILY DINNER

PART 2

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Revelation 3:20 **“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.**

WHY I NEED A FRIEND:

1. I NEED SOMEONE WHO GETS ME.

Proverbs 27:14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It will be counted a curse to him.

2. I NEED SOMEONE WHO CHALLENGES ME.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.
Proverbs 27:6 Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.

3. I NEED SOMEONE WHO STANDS WITH ME.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer...

4. I NEED SOMEONE WHO IS THERE FOR ME.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

HOW I CAN FIND A FRIEND:

1. DISCOVER THE FRIEND I HAVE IN GOD.

John 15:12–13 **This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.**

2. FOCUS ON BEING A FRIEND.

Proverbs 18:24 A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

Galatians 6:2 Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

3. CHOOSE TO LOOK BEYOND DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE.

Ephesians 2:14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

4. LET FORGIVENESS RULE THE RELATIONSHIP.

Ephesians 4:32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.