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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Our Lives are Filled With a Variety of Relationships

- Marriage.... Family.
- Friendship.
- Church.





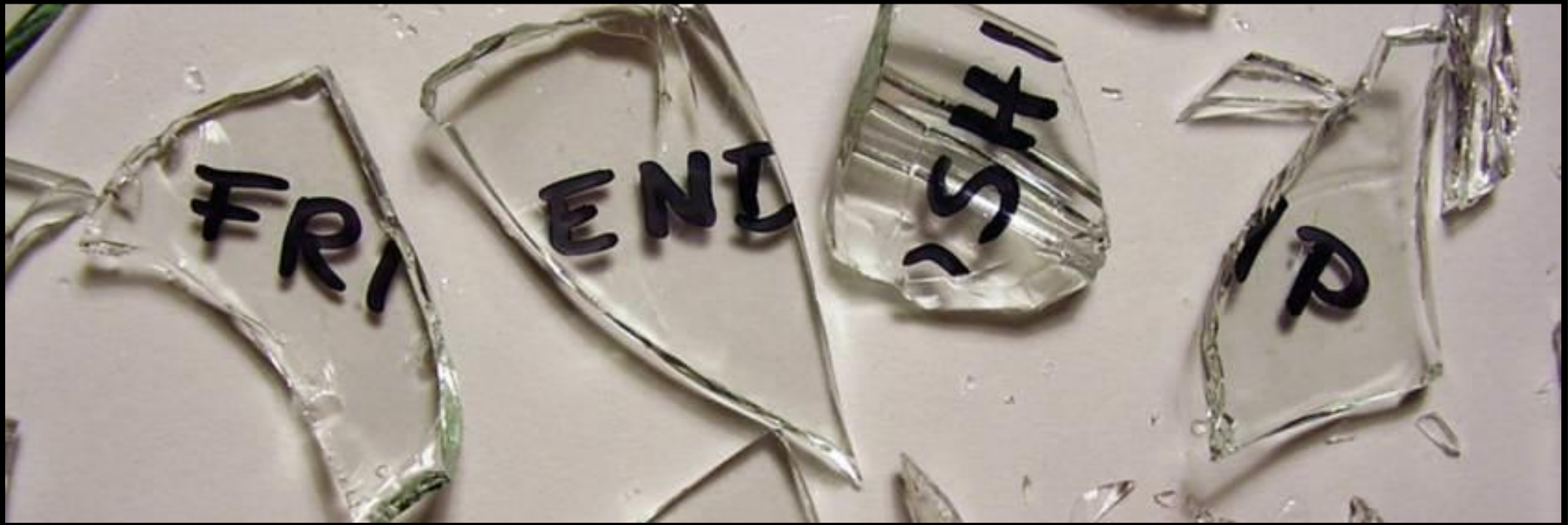
*“it is not good that
man should be alone”*

Genesis 2:18

We CRAVE HEALTHY Relationships

- When God created... *everything* was good.
- Yet, he knew when man was created it was *not good* for him to be alone.
- He made us to be part of a community larger than self.
- But...

The **PROBLEM** with all relationships:
SIN



SINS that damage relationships

James 4:1-6

- We look down on others.
- We fight.
- We gossip.
- We judge and condemn.
- We place undue expectations.

The SUCCESS with all relationships:

LOVE

Though **one** may be *overpowered* by another,
two can *withstand* him.
And a **threefold** cord is *not quickly broken*.



God wants our relationships to be as He intended from creation: “Good”

- *So, look for and foster “good” relationships with: family, friends, brethren...*
- *Pursue the bond of peace. Eph. 4:1-3*
- *Put on love which is the bond of perfection.*