

WE ALL NEED
Friends

Sunday, January 19, 2020 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 2: **It's Worth the Mess**

Multiple Scriptures

Every relationship you have is **MESSY**

Our need for relationship is rooted in the Trinity
and being made in God's image Genesis 1:26-27

Relationships are the means not the end

and the problem is **INTERNAL**

It's not them, it's you (*well, them and you*) Genesis 3; Romans 3:23

Relational Drifts

"I want to be safe"

Isolation

INDEPENDENCE

Needs to be
LESS FEARFUL

"I need you in
order to live"

Immersion

CO-DEPENDENCE

Needs to be
MORE REALISTIC



There's a battle internally between

my wants and God's intentions James 4:1; Romans 7:21-25; Ephesians 4

We're tempted to make relationships less than or more than they should be.

—but the cure is **EXTERNAL.**

you can't change your relationships without changing yourself

Jesus is the only one who can change you



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. Our fourth core value is **We All Need Friends**. There's one aspect of bearing God's image that is impossible for us to do by ourselves: We cannot image his relational nature without being involved in community. We were not designed to go through life alone. In fact, God created us lacking and needing relationship, even before the Fall. It is by his design that we all need friends! Look at each of the following passages and make every observation you can about what it teaches us about God's design for true friendship and community.

1 Peter 2:9-10

1 Corinthians 12:25-27

Acts 2:42-47

Romans 12:3-21

1 Peter 4:8-11

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Ephesians 4:2-6

Philippians 2:3-16

2. What steps will you take in 2020 to get more involved in community? Be specific. Write it down. Pray about it. Ask God to help you follow through!

Life Group Sign-Ups Are Open! Sign up Today!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, sign up today in the Commons or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.



*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Milford Chapel in Milford.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Ephesians 2:15b-22 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

1 I am a **prisoner because** of the **Lord**. So I am **asking** you to **live a life** worthy of what God **chose** you for. 2 Don't be **proud** at all. Be **completely gentle**. Be **patient**. Put up with one **another in love**. 3 The **Holy Spirit makes** you one in **every** way. So try your **best** to **remain** as one. Let **peace** **keep** you **together**. 4 **There** is one **body**. **There** is one **Spirit**. You were **appointed** to one **hope when** you were **chosen**. 5 **There** is one **Lord**. **There** is one **faith** and one **baptism**. 6 **There** is one God and Father of all. He is over **everything**. He is through **everything**. He is in **everything**. 7 But each one of us has received a gift of grace, just as Christ wanted us to have it.

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