







Images of Relationships

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Bridegroom/Bride		Joh 3:28-30, Rev 19:7
Friend/Friend		Jam 2:23, Joh 15:15-17, Joh 3:28-30
Father/Son		Heb 12:7, Gal 4:4-6
TRANSITION TRANSITION TRANSITION	↑	“BE”-ING Based on Intimacy & Authenticity
	↓	“DO”-ING Based on my Performance Hearing & Doing
Master/Servant		Mat 24:42-51, Luk 19:17
Shepherd/Sheep		Eze 34:11-15, Joh 10:1-18, 1Pet 2:25
Potter/Clay		Isa 64:8, Jer 18:4

Pause for Reflection

Many Christians are locked into the *Servant role*, having no idea there is more, much more to experience. We can serve God and go all over the world in His name and still miss the intimate relationship He longs for and created us to enjoy.

Do you find yourself asking the Lord what He wants you to do?

At the same time do you find yourself so busy doing good, you don't have time for things you want to do or time with your family?

Can you (Do you) say "no" to some requests? Is it Okay to say "no"?

Consider where you are in the *Friend role*. Many of us are so busy we have little time to develop deep friendships. Some of us don't know how to be a friend – to sit with someone, listening and supporting their concerns and goals. Many have become so isolated no one really knows them or their concerns, their pain or their victories.

Who would you call at 2:00 AM to share a crisis?

Who do you have in your life that you can comfortably share your deepest thoughts?

In times of stress, we need comfort and solace and often revert to our old ways of coping that may not be working so well anymore. Finding comfort in the presence of Jesus or the Father is based on authenticity and requires that we quiet our mind to sit with Him, just as we are.

Are you uncomfortable with silence? What would it be like for you to imagine leaning on the chest of the Father? Just like the Father ran to welcome home his prodigal son, He longs for you to come home to His love.

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