

A photograph of two young boys standing on a grassy hill, leaning against a wooden fence. They are both wearing dark blue t-shirts and dark shorts. The boy on the left has his arm around the shoulder of the boy on the right, and they are both looking away from the camera towards the horizon. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The text "Covenantal Friendship" is written in white on the right side of the image.

“Covenantal Friendship”







**Proverbs**  
**18:24**

A man of many companions  
may come to ruin, but there  
is a friend who sticks closer  
than a brother.







**1 Samuel**  
**18:1**

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.



**Proverbs**  
**17:17**

A friend loves at all times,  
and a brother is born for  
adversity.



**Proverbs  
27:10**

Do not forsake your friend  
and your father's friend, and  
do not go to your brother's  
house in the day of your  
calamity.



**Proverbs  
27:10**

Better is a neighbor who is  
near than a brother who is  
far away.



# *Covenant* vs Contract





**What is true biblical friendship?**



**Proverbs**  
**27:5-6**

An open rebuke is better  
than hidden love! Wounds  
from a sincere friend are  
better than many kisses  
from an enemy



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A rare relational bond of affection  
that is built on and thrives on  
**truth, covenantal trust, and  
trial.**









**Jennie  
Allen**

(Find Your People)

“Sometimes it’s a deeper reality: life has been so chaotic and stressful for so many years that you accidentally didn’t invest in your relationships, and when you look up, your people are gone. It’s a profound, in-the-crevices-of-our-souls sense of isolation.





**Jennie  
Allen**

(Find Your People)

It's the wondering if you are truly known, seen, accepted, even cherished, such as when: You don't know whom to call to pick you up at the airport. You have something to celebrate or grieve and no one to celebrate or grieve with.





**Jennie  
Allen**

(Find Your People)

You're dealing with a difficult situation at work but can't think of anyone safe you can talk it through with. Most of your friend group is married and starting to have kids, and you aren't even dating. You are eating another meal alone—again...





**Jennie  
Allen**

(Find Your People)

You're talking to someone you thought was a good friend but realize you are on completely different pages about important issues. You need to talk but don't know whom to call.





**Jennie**

**Allen**

(Find Your People)

You haven't had anyone genuinely listen to you in so long that you honestly can't remember the last time you opened up."



**Genesis:  
1:26**

Then God said, "Let us make  
man in our image, after our  
likeness.











**Genesis**  
**2:18**

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."



1. BECOME
2. CONNECT
3. LOOK (HOSPITALITY)
4. REST



**John**  
**15:12-15**

“This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as  
I have loved you. Greater  
love has no one than this,  
that someone lay down his  
life for his friends.



**John**  
**15:12-15**

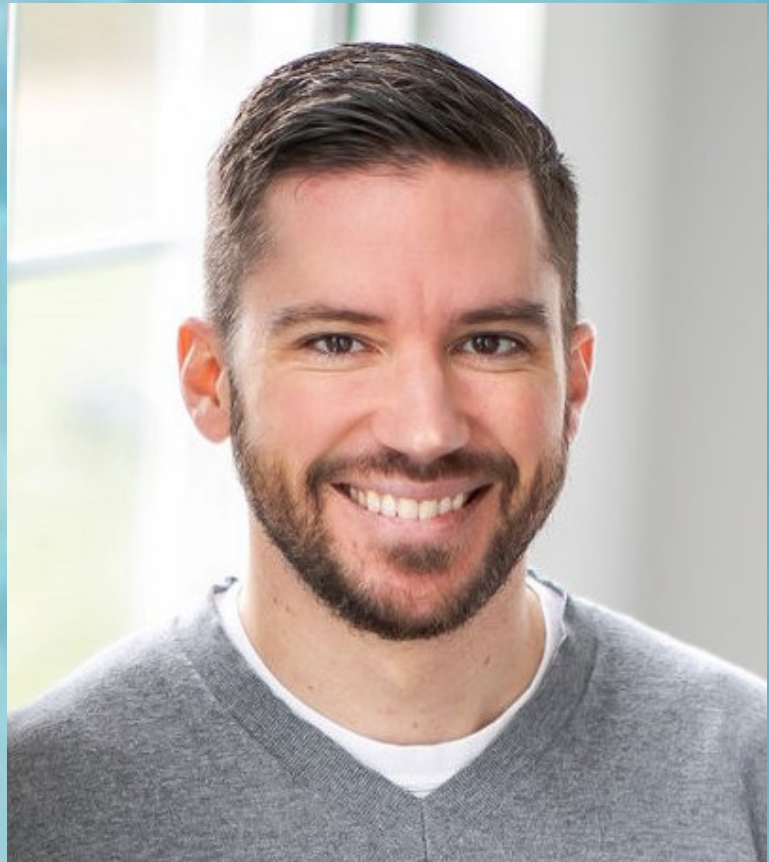
No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my



**John**  
**15:12-15**

for all that I have heard from  
my Father I have made  
known to you.





**Drew  
Hunter**

(Made For Friendship)

Jesus is our Savior and he is our King.  
He is also our truest Friend. And  
when we press into this, here's what  
we find: the greatest power for  
becoming a better friend is being  
befriended by the best Friend.







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