



INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

What it means to love one another

Argyle
Community Church



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sermon series



Proverbs 17:17

FRIENDSHIP

Interpersonal
Relationships - what
it means to love one
another



FRIENDSHIP IN PROVERBS

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Most commonly used word for 'friend' and 'neighbour' in Proverbs. Refers to a person with whom one is close.



*'Friend' =
emotional
closeness*

*'Neighbour' =
spacial
closeness*



**WHEN
CHOOSING
A CLOSE
FRIEND,
BE PICKY**



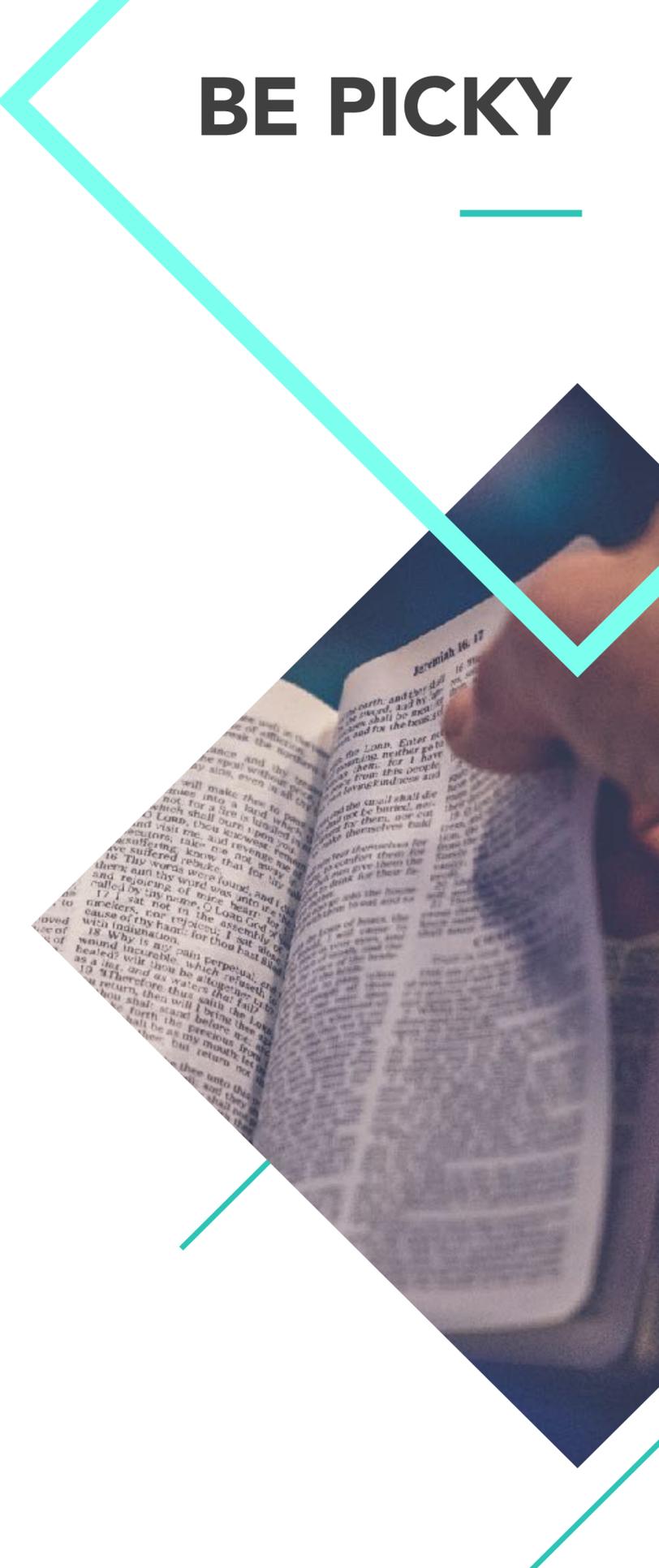
BE PICKY

The righteous choose their friends **carefully**
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 12:26

Do not make friends with a hot-tempered
person, **do not associate** with one easily
angered.

Proverbs 22:24



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**BECAUSE
CLOSE
FRIENDS
INFLUENCE
EACH OTHER**

*Why be
picky?*

Walk with the wise and become wise,
for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 13:20

One who has unreliable friends soon
comes to ruin...

Proverbs 18:24a

Many claim to have unfailing love, but a
faithful person who can find?

Proverbs 20:6

**WHY BE
PICKY?**



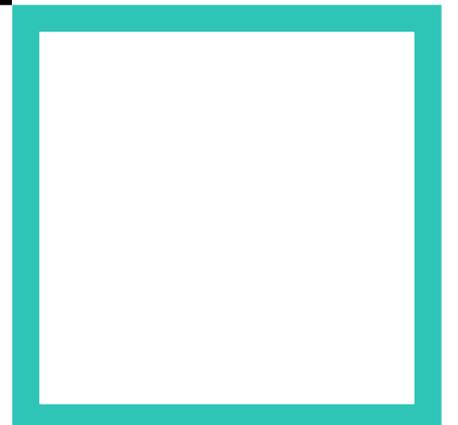
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**BECAUSE CLOSE
FRIENDSHIP IS
UNIQUE; IT
BRINGS YOU
SOMETHING
ROMANCE AND
FAMILY CAN'T**

*Why be
picky?*

"Friendship is the only relationship which is not a biological or sociological necessity."

Timothy Keller



CLOSE FRIENDSHIP IS UNIQUE

...but there is a friend who
sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24b





**A CLOSE
FRIEND
IS STICKY**



STICKY FRIENDS

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

Proverbs 17:17

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who **sticks** closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24



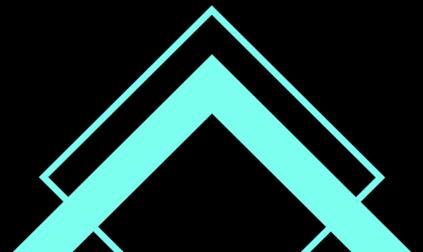
Samwise sticks...

...with Frodo



Lord of

the Rings





**A CLOSE
FRIEND
TREADS
SENSITIVELY**



Like a maniac shooting flaming arrows of death is one who deceives their neighbour and says, "I was only joking!" **Pr. 26:18-19**

If anyone loudly blesses their neighbour early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse.

Pr. 27:14

Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on a wound, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart. **Pr. 25:20**



A true friend treads sensitively: the heavy heart

EMOTIONALLY DISCONNECTED

“Why can’t you just snap out of it?”

“Just be positive. None of the negativity helps anyone.”

“People have been through far worse. Why are you complaining?”

EMOTIONALLY CONNECTED

“What makes it so hard right now?”

“What do you wish others understood?”

“Are there times of day that are worse than others or is it more general than that?”





**HOW HAS GOD SPOKEN TO YOU
ABOUT FRIENDSHIP SO FAR?
WHAT HAS STOOD OUT TO YOU?**

**CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION...
IN A LIFE GROUP**



**A CLOSE
FRIEND BRINGS
YOU INJURY &
FELICITY**



INJURY & FELICITY

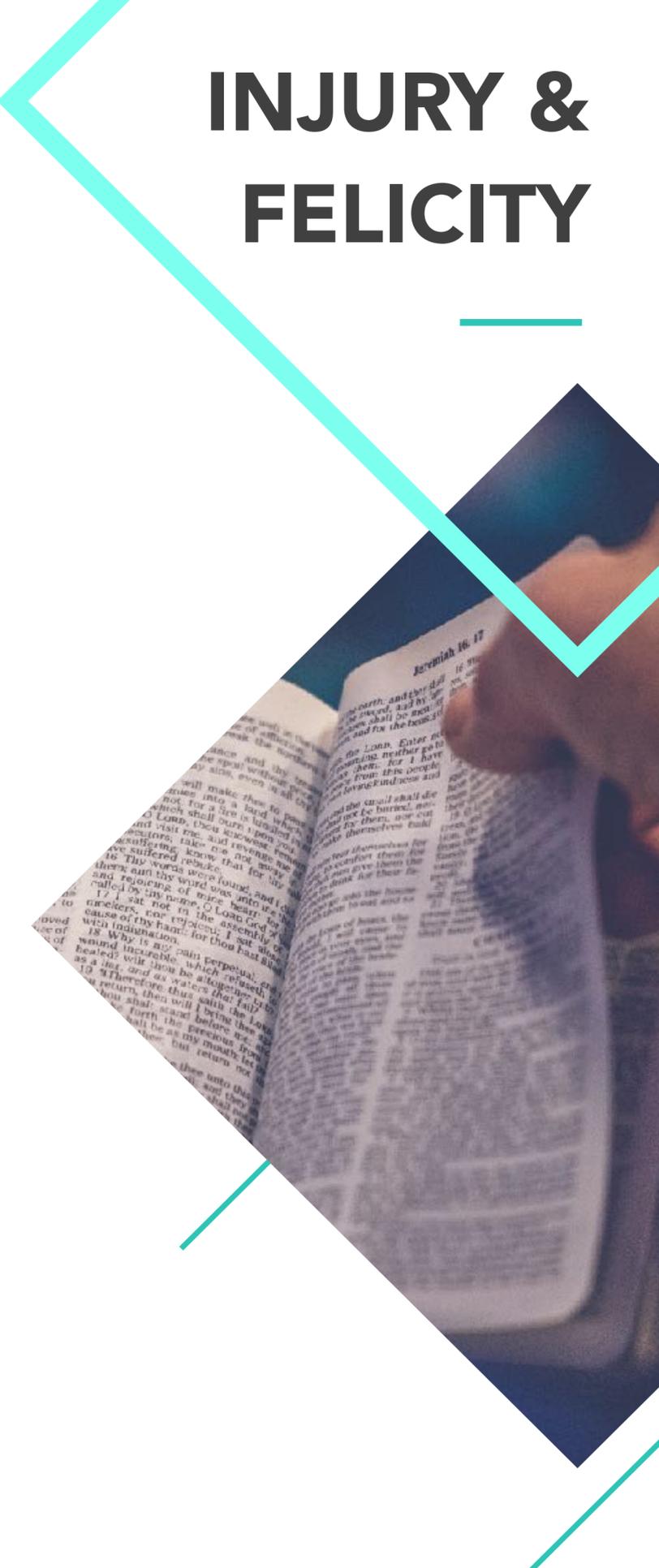
Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Proverbs 27:5–6

Perfume and incense bring joy to the
heart, and the **pleasantness** of a friend
springs from their heartfelt advice.

Proverbs 27:9





**TO BE A CLOSE
FRIEND,
EMBRACE THE
ULTIMATE
CLOSE FRIEND**



Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:15

**ULTIMATE
FRIEND**



**BE PICKY;
CHOOSE
CAREFULLY**



01

To bless you!

He chose you carefully

J E S U S C H O S E Y O U

Choose your friends carefully

To bless them!

**A CLOSE
FRIEND IS
STICKY**



02

He stuck to the cross!

He sticks closer than a brother

JESUS STUCK TO YOU

We will stick to our friends

Even if it means pain!

**A CLOSE
FRIEND TREADS
SENSITIVELY**



03

He feels your pain

"Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

JESUS IS EMOTIONALLY CONNECTED TO YOU

"Weep with those who weep."

Feel their pain

**A CLOSE FRIEND
BRINGS INJURY &
FELICITY**



04

His words bring joy



His rebuke can be trusted



JESUS DISCIPLINES & LOVES YOU



We will rebuke our friends



And bring them joy





TO BE A CLOSE FRIEND
EMBRACE THE ULTIMATE FRIEND

