



AUTHENTIC PURSUIT:

Relationships ...
“Yeah ... But ...”

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.



Relationships Are a Challenge for Everyone

- *Our relational hopes, expectations, and inclinations have been deeply distorted to one degree or another by our old nature.*
- *This distortion creates a lot of personal struggle, loneliness, and relational pain.*



Redeeming Relationships Must Be Rooted in Our New Identity

- *This new identity begins with encountering Jesus.*
- *This identity places me into a new “in Jesus” community.*
- *Jesus becomes my mentor and motivation in how I walk with others.*
- *Holy Spirit shepherds us along this journey.*



“Yeah ... But ...”



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- ***“We are commanded to love one another. How do we reconcile this command with the struggle that accompanies not liking or trusting that person? Are we commanded in Scripture to trust again?”***



“Yeah ... But ...”

- ***“I’ve tried but it hasn’t worked so well. Why can’t I seem to connect?”***



“Yeah ... But ...”

- *“I don’t have time for more relationships.”*



“Yeah ... But ...”

- ***“I don’t know what healthy friendships look like.”***



“Yeah ... But ...”

- It is hard to reconcile with someone you've wronged. It's also hard to respond with grace to someone who has wronged you, and others you love. Say this dynamic has been going on for years, what would be the approach you'd encourage that person to take in opening up that relationship to healing?



“Yeah ... But ...”

- What do you do when another Christian repeatedly refused to admit their sins in relational conflicts?

