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- Does this relationship enable me to become the person I'm created to be?

### 3. A relationship with God is the \_\_\_\_\_.

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*O God of my salvation! Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close. Teach me how to live, O Lord. Lead me along the right path...I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord. Psalms 27:8-14 various (NLT)*



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### **1. God gives me a GIFT in relationships.**

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### **3. A relationship with God is the PERFECT FIT.**

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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*"IF ONLY... I had better relationships."*

### [CONNECT]

What has been an "if only" from your past? (Ex. If only I had gone to college. If only I hadn't bought that car. Etc.)

### [ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

### [GROW]

Read John 10:10. What does the enemy (Satan) want to do in our lives? What does "steal, kill, and destroy" look like for you? What does Jesus offer us? What does that look like for you?

If you feel comfortable sharing in your group, what are some things you've tried to fill the "God shaped void" in your life with? How did it make you feel after pursuing those things to just end up empty again?

Share a brief version of how you came to Christ. How has Jesus been the "perfect fit" in your life?

Read Proverbs 19:22. What is "unfailing" love to you? What is this passage telling us about our deepest desires?

Go through each of the questions that were in point #2 in the message. Have there been times when your relationships have robbed you of God's best? What did you do in those situations?

### [LEAD (YOURSELF)]

What can you do to start each day to be reminded that Jesus is your provider, sustainer, and shepherd?

