

# SERMON OUTLINE

INGREDIENTS TO FLOURISHING FRIENDSHIP

PROVERBS 27:5-6, 9-10, 17

NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

## Six Ingredients to Flourishing Friendship

### I. Mutual Bond: 1 Samuel 18:1

“Friendship arises when two companions discover that they have in common some insight or interest or even taste which till that moment, each believed to be his own unique treasure or burden. The typical expression of opening Friendship would be something like, ‘What? You too? I thought I was the only one.’” – CS Lewis

### II. Deep trust built through dependability and loyalty: 1 Samuel 23:16-18; Proverbs 27:10

### III. Heart-level vulnerability: Proverbs 27:17

### IV. Gracious honesty: Proverbs 27:6

### V. Unconditional and sacrificial love: Proverbs 17:17

“<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails.” – 1 Cor. 13:4-8

### VI. Christ-centered: Mark 2:1-5

**BENEDICTION:** <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.” – Philippians 3:21-4:1