



**"Heart to Heart"**  
**Be Encouraged series**  
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**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!  
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**

[2 Corinthians 6:11-7:4](#)

**11** Oh, dear Corinthian friends! We have spoken honestly with you, and our hearts are open to you. **12** There is no lack of love on our part, but you have withheld your love from us. **13** I am asking you to respond as if you were my own children. Open your hearts to us! **14** Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? **15** What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? **16** And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. **17** Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. **18** And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

**1** Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God. **2** Please open your hearts to us. We have not done wrong to anyone, nor led anyone astray, nor taken advantage of anyone. **3** I'm not saying this to condemn you. I said before that you are in our hearts, and we live or die together with you. **4** I have the highest confidence in you, and I take great pride in you. You have greatly encouraged me and made me happy despite all our troubles.

I. Relationships with \_\_\_\_\_

**49** Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. **50** Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!" [Matthew 12:49-50](#)

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” [John 13:35](#)

II. Relationships with \_\_\_\_\_

A. It does not mean \_\_\_\_\_

B. It does not mean \_\_\_\_\_

Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. [John 17:18](#)

C. It does mean avoiding \_\_\_\_\_

Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands?

[2 Corinthians 6:14 \(MSG\)](#)

III. Relationships with \_\_\_\_\_

“I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

[2 Corinthians 6:16b, 18](#)