



RELATIONSHIPS

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There is a common misconception that relationships are meant to complete us. The truth is, healthy relationships often **reveal us**.



Long before they reveal compatibility, chemistry, or commitment, they expose patterns, wounds, beliefs, fears, and unmet needs that may have quietly shaped us for years. Relationships have a unique way of holding up a mirror—not to shame us, but to show us where **healing is still needed**.



The person you choose, the behaviors you tolerate, the conflicts that repeatedly surface, and even the things that trigger you often point to **something deeper** than the relationship itself.



Sometimes the greatest lesson isn't about the other person at all.

It's about you.



What Keeps Repeating?

Have you ever noticed yourself asking:

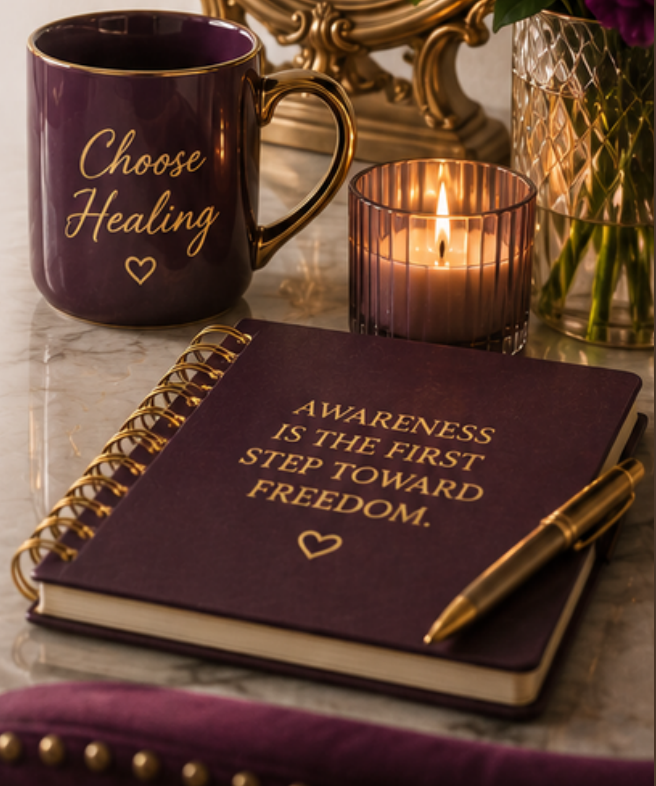
- ❓ “Why do I keep attracting emotionally unavailable people?”
- ❓ “Why do I always feel like I have to prove my worth?”
- ❓ “Why do I panic when someone pulls away?”
- ❓ “Why do I stay long after I know I should leave?”

- 👤 While every relationship is unique, recurring patterns deserve **careful reflection**.
- 💖 If different faces keep producing the same emotional outcome, the common denominator may not be your value—it may be an **unhealed wound** that continues to influence your choices.

- 🦋 Healing doesn't begin by **blaming yourself**.
- 🔍 It begins by becoming **curious about yourself**.

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YOUR Triggers ARE Teachers

A trigger isn't always evidence that someone else is wrong.

Sometimes it's evidence that an old wound has been touched.



Rejection may awaken childhood abandonment.



Criticism may uncover years of believing you were never enough.



Silence may resurrect memories of emotional neglect.



Control may remind you of past manipulation.



This doesn't excuse unhealthy behavior from others, nor does it mean you should remain in harmful relationships. It simply means your emotional reactions deserve your attention just as much as the other person's actions deserve discernment.



God often uses relationships to reveal places where He still desires to bring *healing*.

*Healing
begins with
awareness.*



LOVE CANNOT HEAL *What You're* HIDING

Many people search for someone who will finally make them feel secure.



Chosen.



Safe.



Enough.



But no human being was designed to carry the weight of healing wounds only God can restore.



When we expect another person to fix what only Christ can heal, relationships become rescue missions instead of partnerships.



Healthy love is shared between two people who are both committed to growing—not two people hoping the other will erase years of pain.

Healing is not your
partner's responsibility.

Growth is.

YOU CAN'T
FIND WHO YOU
WERE NEVER
MEANT TO BE
BY HIDING
WHO YOU ARE
BEFORE GOD.



HEALING CHANGES *What You Accept*

One of the most beautiful outcomes of healing is that your standards begin to change naturally.



You stop confusing attention with affection.



You stop mistaking inconsistency for mystery.



You stop calling anxiety chemistry.



You stop believing love must be earned through exhaustion.



You stop negotiating with behaviors that once felt familiar.

As you heal, your tolerance for dysfunction decreases because your understanding of **your worth increases**.

You no longer *chase*
what costs you your *peace*.

I'M LEARNING
TO CHOOSE
ME.

MY PEACE.
MY GROWTH.
MY HEALING.
MY WORTH.
— ALWAYS.





A RELATIONSHIP SHOULD REFLECT GROWTH, *Not Constant Survival*



Healthy relationships aren't perfect. They require communication, grace, forgiveness, and intentionality.



But they should **not** constantly require you to abandon yourself.



You shouldn't have to **shrink** to be loved.



Silence your convictions to keep someone comfortable.



Ignore **red flags** because you're afraid of starting over.



Lose your **identity** trying to maintain someone else's affection.



**GODLY RELATIONSHIPS
PRODUCE FRUIT—
*not confusion.***



They cultivate peace, honesty, accountability, respect, and **mutual growth**.



PEACE



HONESTY



ACCOUNTABILITY



RESPECT



MUTUAL GROWTH

—  —

LET THE MIRROR LEAD YOU TO *Christ*

—  —

INSTEAD OF ASKING ONLY,

 “Why did this relationship happen to me?”

TRY ASKING,

 “Lord, what are You revealing in me?”

 Not every painful relationship is **punishment**.

 Sometimes it's **preparation**.

 Sometimes it's **protection**.

 Sometimes it's an invitation to finally **heal** what you've carried for decades.

 The mirror isn't meant to **condemn** you.
It's meant to guide you toward **transformation**.

 Because when God **heals** what's within you, you begin choosing differently, loving differently, and living differently.

 And eventually,
the reflection changes.

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*He is
making
all things
new.*


REVELATION 21:5



Reflection Questions



What **relationship** patterns have repeated throughout my life?



What **emotions** seem to surface most often in close relationships?



Am I seeking someone to **complete me**, or am I allowing God to continue healing me?



What unhealthy behaviors have I **normalized** because they felt familiar?



How would my relationships change if I truly believed I was already **loved, chosen, and secure** in Christ?

“
Search me, O God,
and know my heart...
See if there is any
offensive way in me,
and lead me in the
way everlasting.

— PSALM 139:23-24

Healing isn't about becoming perfect before love.

It's about allowing God to
transform you

so that the love you give,
receive, and accept reflects the
wholeness He is producing
within you.



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