

# Authentic Relationality

**2 Tim 1:1-7; 2:1-2**

**John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16**

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# 2020-2025 in perspective

| 2020-2023       | COVID Pandemic  |   |  |   |
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| 2020            | 2021  | 2022  | 2023-25  |   |
| Online Services | Project Spring-Winter Completed<br>SJSM NH began operations | SJSM Village:<br>Church, Nursing Home, Senior Care, Active Kopi-Stop Ageing Centre, Preschool | COVID Recovery:<br>Radical Hospitality<br>Making room in our hearts for one another and for others | Dover Celebrates Christmas, 2023 and 2025 |

**How can we sustain  
and even deepen  
Radical Hospitality?**

**Not to do more things...**  
**Nor to do greater things...**  
**But to do everything with a**  
**clearer focus...**

# **Focus on Authentic Relationality**

**A genuine culture of being relational,  
seeking meaningful and transformative  
relationships and interactions with  
God and with one another.**

What does  
**Authentic Relationality**  
look like?

# 1. Authentic Relationality begins with God who formed us to relate with Him.

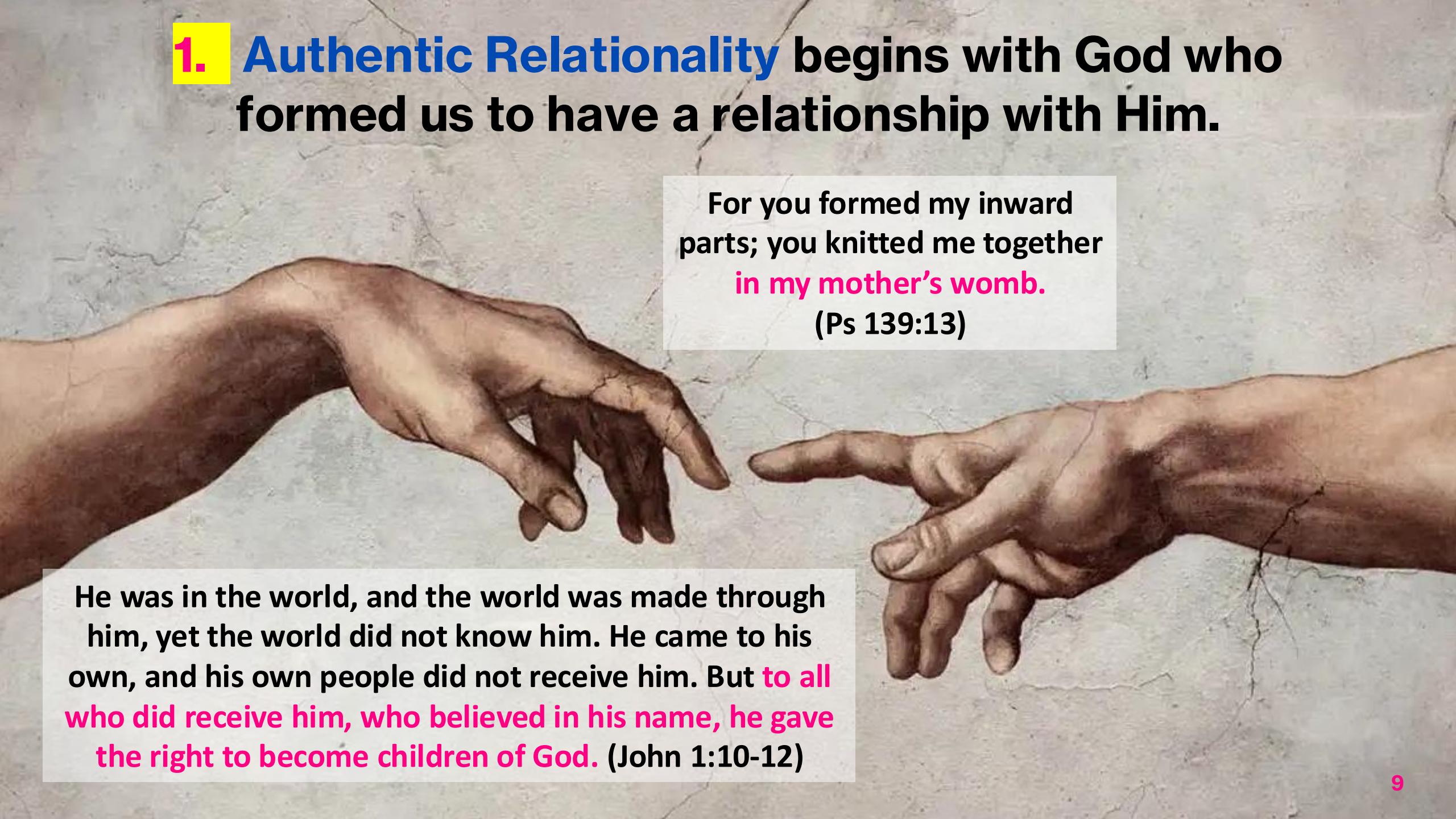


Then God said, “Let us make man **in our image, after our likeness.**” (Gen 1:26)

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# 1. **Authentic Relationality** begins with God who formed us to have a relationship with Him.



For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

(Ps 139:13)

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:10-12)

**Relate to God spiritually and deeply as a Person to know and be with, to enjoy, to learn from, to be amazed by, in whom to find our rest and joy.**



**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”**  
**(Matt 11:28-30)**

**2. Authentic Relationality is walking with one another as fellow pilgrims on the journey of faith and transformation. Being a brother is more important than doing the work.**

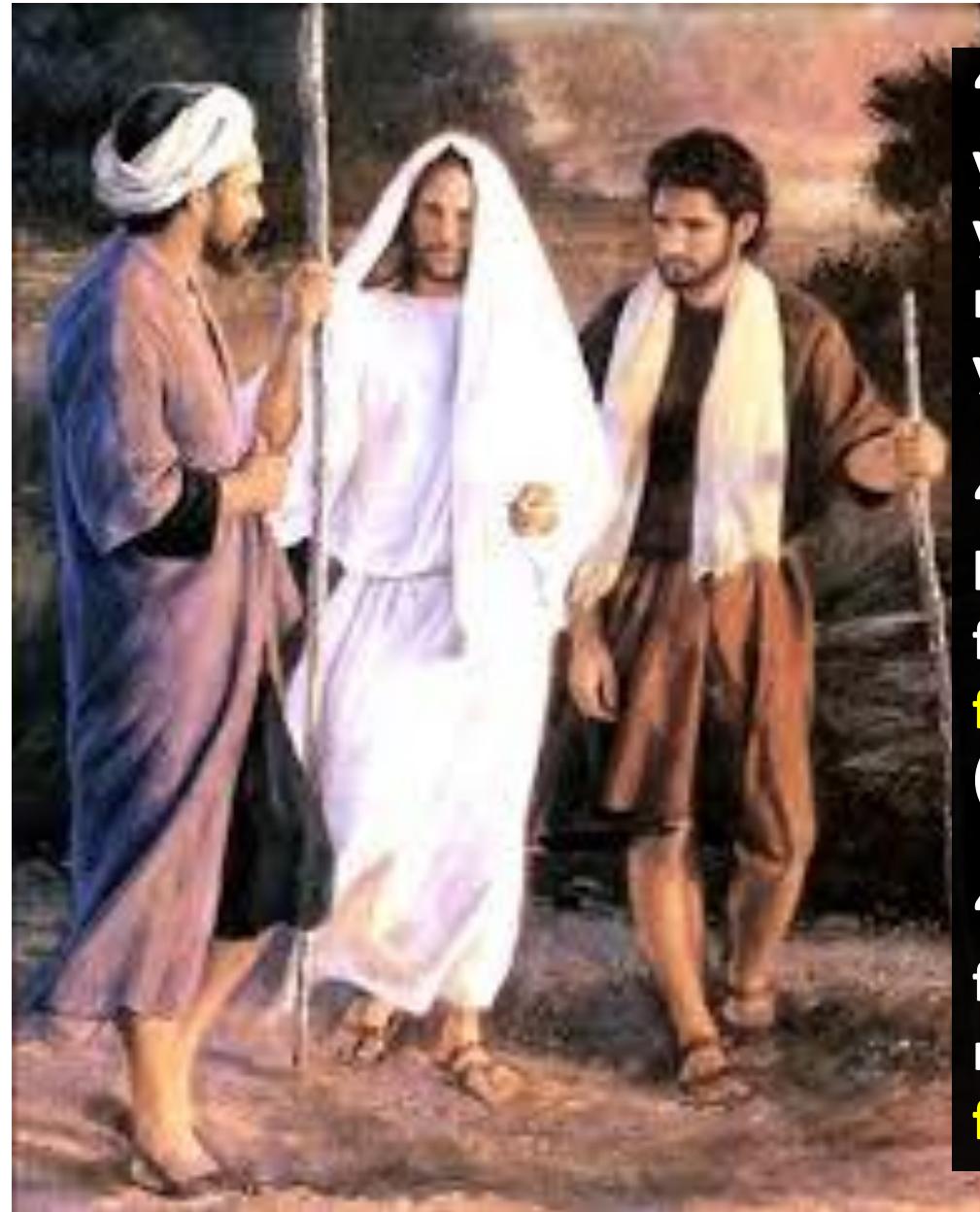


**“To Timothy, my beloved child...” (2 Tim 1:1)**

**“fan into flame the gift of God” (2 Tim 1:6)**

**“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus...” (2 Tim 2:1)**

### 3. Authentic Relationality is bearing witness for Christ winsomely through our genuine relationships with others.



“...a faith that dwelt first in your **grandmother Lois** and your **mother Eunice** and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.” (2 Tim 1: 5)

“...continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, **knowing from whom you learned it.**” (2 Tim 3:14)

“...what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses **entrust to faithful men.**” (2 Tim 2:2)

# **Focus of 2026: Authentic Relationality**

**Relate to God spiritually and deeply as a  
Person**

**Walk with one another as fellow pilgrims**

**Witness winsomely through genuine  
relationships**