

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

**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.

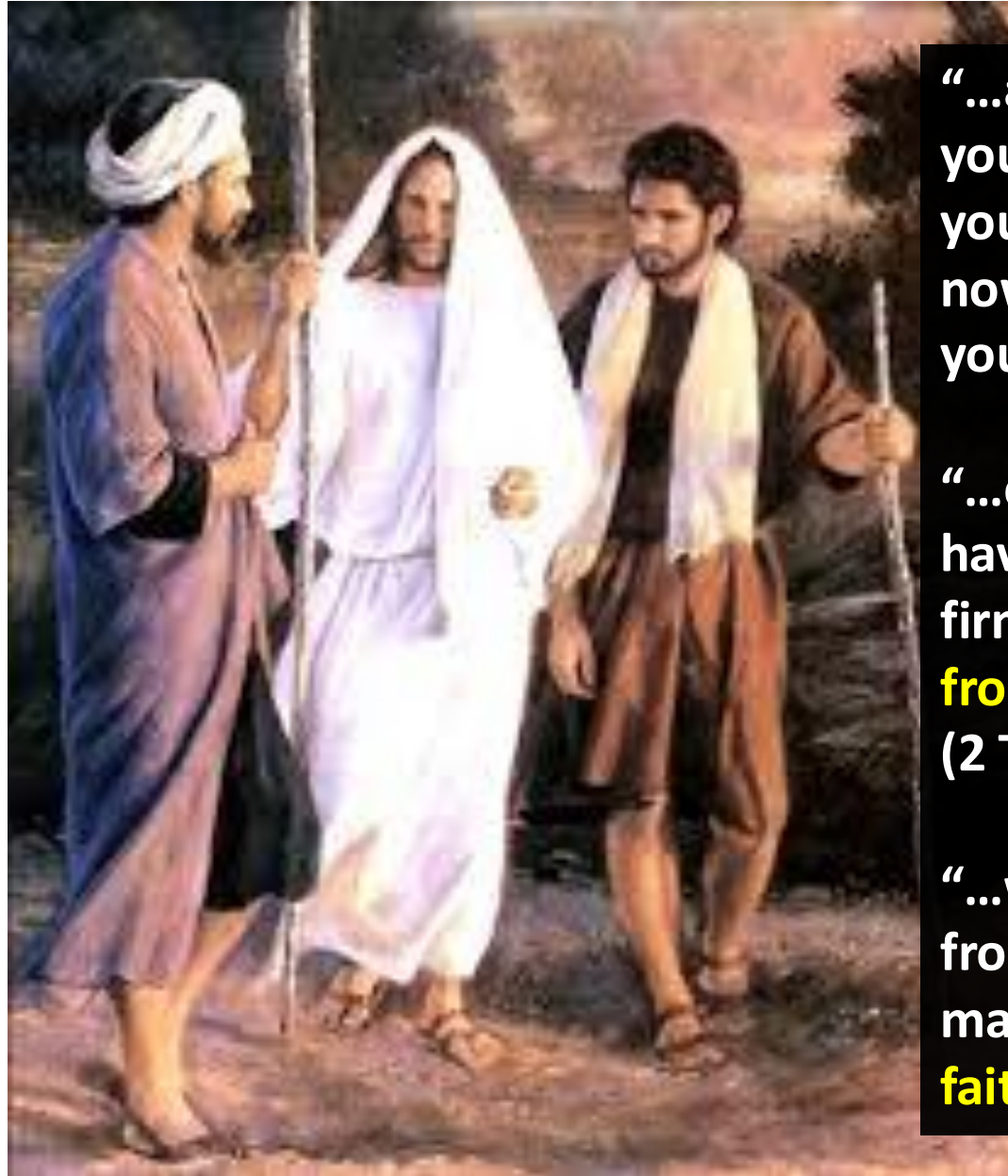


“To Timothy, my beloved child...” (2 Tim 1:1)

“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**