

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



O! Be some other name:
What's in a name?
That which we call a rose
By any other name would
smell as sweet.

Romeo and Juliet - Act II Scene II

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1-2

² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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**But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we
await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ**

Philippians 3:20 ESV

1. Church

**After they had preached the gospel in that town,
and made many disciples they returned to
Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch.**

Acts 14:21

On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles, and they spent a considerable time with the disciples.

Acts 14:27-28

When we identify ourselves as “church,” we recognize the call God has placed on each of us: to go out sharing the truth, hope, and good news of the gospel and to gather together to testify of its good work.

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2. Friend

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:12-15

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John 15:15

**Wounds from a sincere friend are better than
many kisses from an enemy.**

Proverbs 27:6

When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him.

Job 2:11

**When we call one another
“friend,” we are reminding
ourselves and each other of
Christ’s command to love one
another as Jesus has loved us.**

3. Brothers and Sisters

**‘Brother’ and ‘Sister’ reflect our
adoptive status as children
of God.**

**Yet to all who did receive him, to those who
believed in his name, he gave the right to
become children of God— ¹³ children born not of
natural descent, nor of human decision or a
husband's will, but born of God**

John 1:12-13

**Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs
of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we
share in his sufferings in order that we may also
share in his glory.**

Romans 8:17

**When we call each other
“brother” or “sister,” we remind
one another of our relationship
to the Father.**

**I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons
and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.**

2 Corinthians 6:18

4. Beloved

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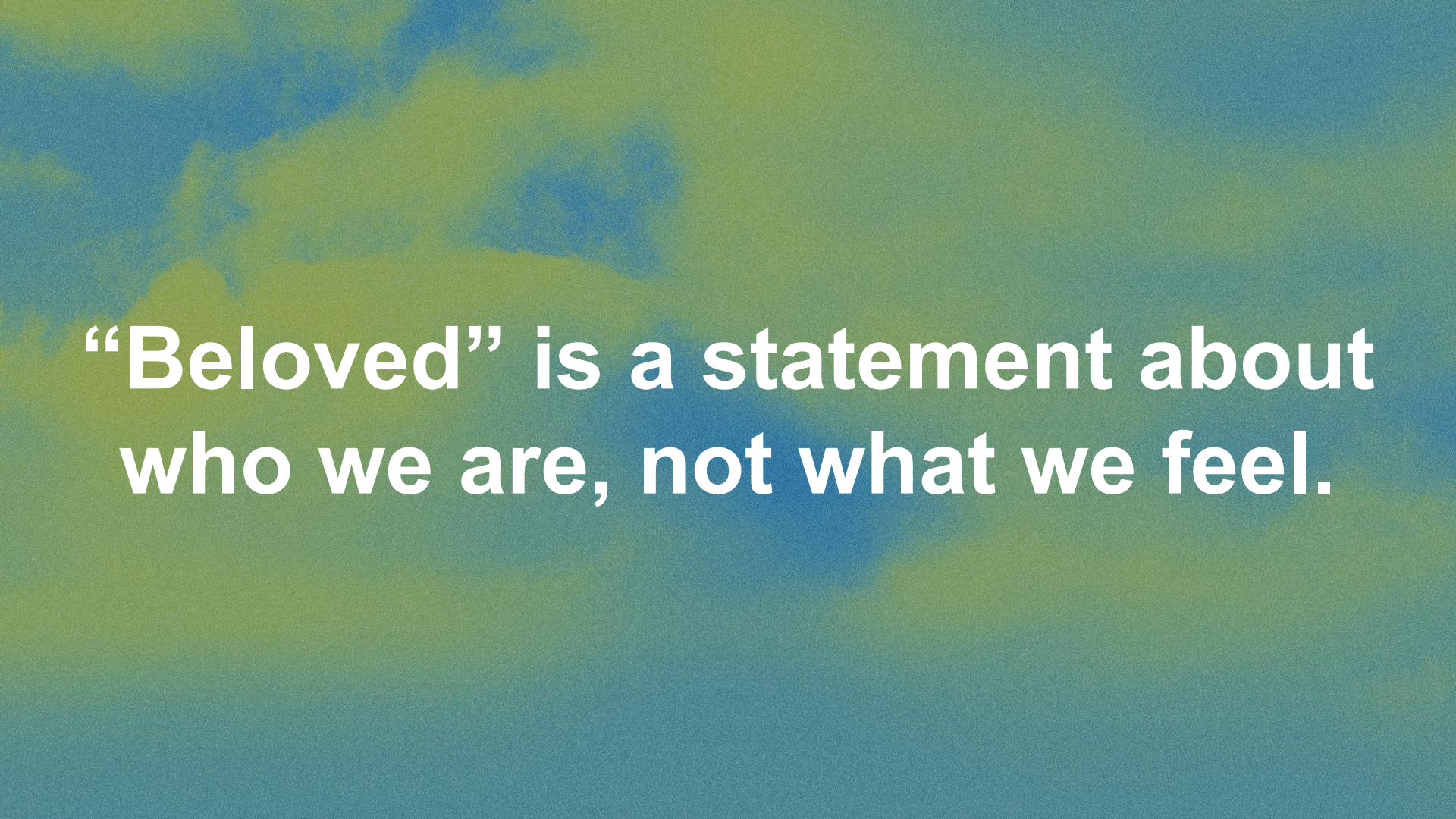
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**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from
God, and whoever loves has been born of God
and knows God.**

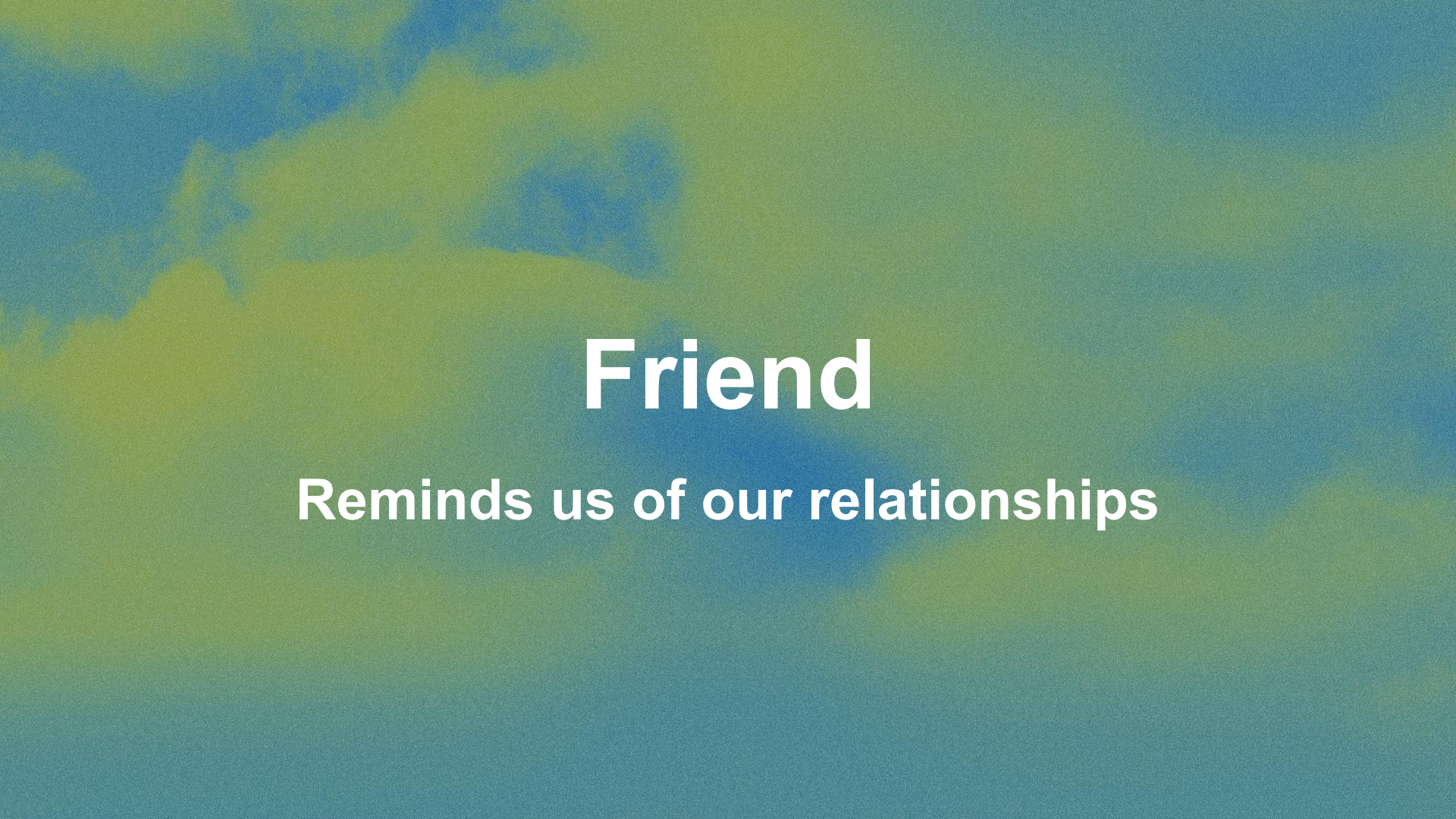
1 John 4:7-8



**“Beloved” is a statement about
who we are, not what we feel.**

Church

Reminds us of our purpose



Friend

Reminds us of our relationships

Brother & Sister

Remind us of our position in the family of God

Beloved

Reminds us of our identity in Christ

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**Who we are in the world will
never be more important than
who we are as...**

Church. Friend. Brother. Sister. Beloved.