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All of these passages show God's desire for relationship. You were created for relationship with God. Out of that relationship flows everything else.

#### **Make it personal:**

- \* How do *you* respond to the statement, "You and I were created for relationship with God?"
- \* What do *you* make of the fact that you are created in God's image?
- \* In what ways do you reflect God's image? In which ways do you not?
- \* How would you rate your relationship with God *today*?
- \* In what ways can you pursue relationship with God *every day*?
- \* What are several barriers that get in the way of pursuing relationship with God?

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