

In This Together: Friends Helping Friends

I. Introduction: When friends have problems ...

- A. Sheri's complaining
- B. Craig & Beth's misunderstandings

II. What "friendship" looks like in the Body of Christ

- A. Romans 12:4-5
- B. 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 5:11
- B. Galatians 6:1-2
- C. 1 Thessalonians 5:14

III. Helping friends make changes

- A. Remember the centrality of the "heart."
- B. Ask key questions to uncover "heart" dynamics.
- C. Listen attentively for understanding the person's perspective.
- D. Foster "renewed mind" thinking to support any needed "put-off/put-on."
 - 1. In Sheri's case
 - 2. In Craig & Beth's case
- E. Tie the change to a relationship with Christ, the work of the Spirit, and the glory of God.
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 - 2. In Craig & Beth's case
- F. Appreciate the *challenge* of making significant changes.