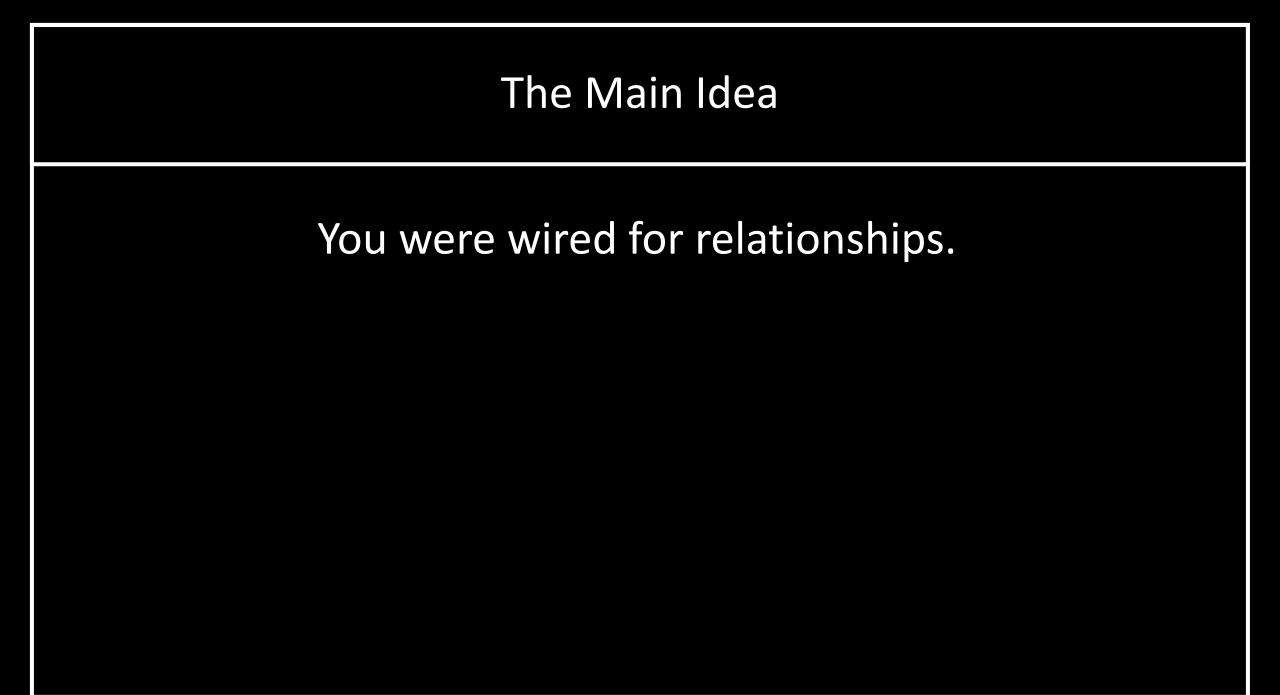
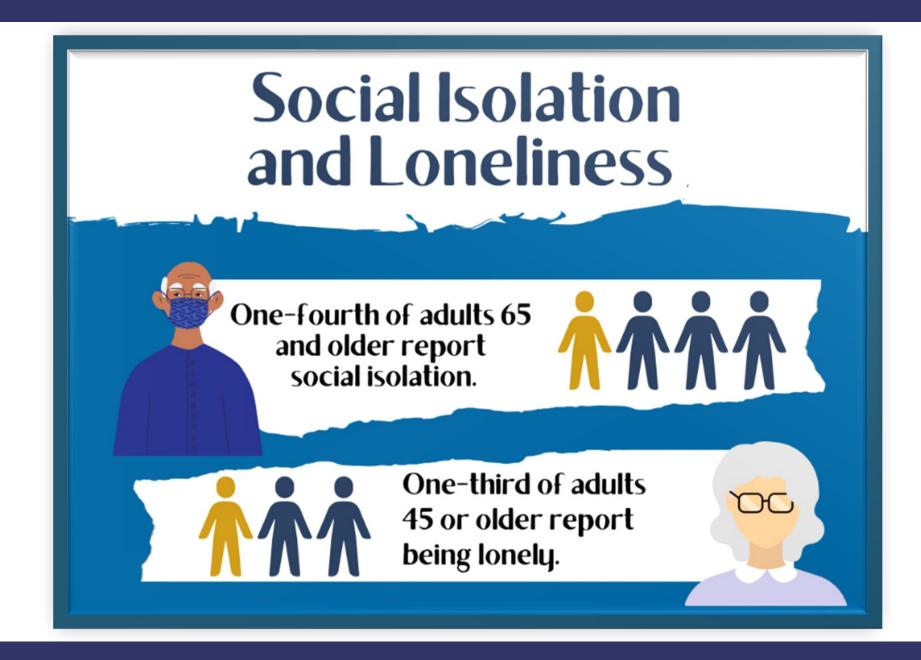


Proverbs 8 (ESV)

32 "And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. 34 Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. 35 For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, 36 but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death."





Isolation and Loneliness

- We were created for relationships
 - Trinity
 - Image of God
 - Eternal
 - Relational
- Seinfeld & Friends
- Person who used to have friends

Isolation and Loneliness

- Kills Satan wants to take us out
- Culture is pulling us into loneliness
 - Phone
 - Streaming
 - ZOOM (?)
- Spiritual crisis
- Christmas Waffle House



Biblical Relationships

- Friend Trusted confidant
- Built over time
- Jesus is our friend



Bad Friends

- 1. Wicked/EVIL (LIVE)
- 2. Fools Unteachable, arrogant, prideful, opinionated
- 3. Quick to anger
 - Sad/Mad/Glad Dog on bridge
 - Bear trap Healing takes time
- 4. Those given to excess Trading beauty for ashes
- 5. Perpetually discontent "One-year itch"



Good Friends

- Stop trying to fix things
- 1. Safe Can be trusted
- 2. Loyal
- 3. Generous Blesses & helps
- 4. Healthy borders
- 5. Follows Jesus Not perfect

Discussion Questions

- Why is it so profound when Jesus calls us "friends?"
- How have you experienced friendship with Jesus through the body of believers?
- What needs to change for you to have close friendships with wise, Godly people?
- Share a time you felt lonely and a time you felt connected in deep friendships with others.
- What made the difference and how did that impact your life?

