

**GIRLFRIENDS:**  
**FINISHING EACH OTHER'S SENTENCES**  
*Authentic Friends*  
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1. Friendship: Part of \_\_\_\_\_ for life
  - a. Friends:
    - Help each other in difficulty. *Ecclesiastes 4:10; 18:24*
    - Tell each other the truth—even if it hurts. *Proverbs 27:6*
    - Are emotional anchors. *Proverbs 17:17*
    - Add delight to life. *Proverbs 27:9*
  - b. One of the most famous friendships *Ruth 1:14-19*
2. Women do friendships in a \_\_\_\_\_ way.
  - a. Guys build friendships by doing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Women do friendships by sharing the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Friends enable women to \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ lives—tending, befriending, and calm.
  - b. Better lives \_\_\_\_\_—validation and happiness.
  - c. Better lives \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ lives.
4. Suggestions for forming friendships
  - a. Screen and select. *Proverbs 27:17; 13:20*
  - b. Trust and verify. *Proverbs 14:15*

- c. Let \_\_\_\_\_ pick your friends.
- d. Be flexible, not \_\_\_\_\_. *Proverbs 21:19*
  - Two friendship \_\_\_\_\_:
    - Expectations—“I just feel like they should...”
    - Preconceptions—“Friendship *ought* to grow *this* way...”
  - Let a friendship \_\_\_\_\_ on its own terms.
- e. Enjoy the other; don't “fix” or \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Romans 15:7; 2 Corinthians 10:12*
- f. Be open and \_\_\_\_\_. *1 John 1:7*
- g. If you want friends, \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Proverbs 18:1*