



Ohana Performance Fails

Some of you know what that feels like

You've tried to "perform" your way into becoming a better person

You've made promises

You've made resolutions

You've tried harder

And yet... nothing changed



Ohana Performance Fails

You cannot behave your way into belonging

You belong your way into becoming

Stitch doesn't change because someone lectures him

He changes because he witnesses love

He sees real Ohana, real family, lived out in front of him

But change is never instant, And it's rarely easy





Ohana The Need to Belong

Stitch wasn't designed to belong

**He was programmed for destruction,
isolation, and chaos**

**And on top of that, his weakness is
water. He can't swim. The moment
he drifts off on the board, he
is vulnerable**

**But then he watches this family,
and something in him rises up**



Ohana The Need to Belong

He begins mimicking what he sees

He edges closer

**And eventually, he asks to go
out into the water**

**He chooses belonging
over programming**

Relationship over instinct

It makes him vulnerable in every way





Ohana **The Need to Belong**

God built us for connection; with Him, with each other, and with the world He made.

And when we step into relationship something begins to change in us that rules, discipline, and performance alone never could accomplish.

**Scripture shows us that what
Stitch longs for, we were designed
for**



Ohana Created for Relationship

*Then God said, “Let **us** make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

Genesis 1:26–27



Ohana Created for Relationship

Stitch had no real relationship with his Creator, Jumba

To Jumba, Stitch was an experiment, a combination of programming, code, and logic



When Stitch goes out on the water, Jumba is baffled

Why would his experiment act against its design?

But God didn't create us as experiments. He created us as image-bearers



Ohana Relationship with Creation

Before Adam and Eve were husband and wife, before they were parents, before human community even existed, they were given purpose

**They were gardeners. Stewards.
Caretakers. (*Genesis 1:28*)**

God entrusted creation to humanity

**He allowed them to shape it,
explore it, name it, enjoy it**

**It was a relationship, humans and
creation working together in harmony**



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Relationship with Each Other

“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

**God’s answer to loneliness was not
“more God” ...but more relationship**

Genesis 2:18

Adam had God’s presence

He had meaningful work

He had a perfect world

But God said: “It’s not enough.”



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Relationship with Each Other

God creates woman, not from the dirt, but from Adam's own side, signaling shared identity, equality, unity

Upon seeing Eve, Adam recognizes bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, someone to share life with



Ohana Relationship with God

This is the Apex Relationship

Adam and Eve walked with God in the garden; literally

“They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden...”

God’s relationship with humanity was meant to grow, flourish, and deepen



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Sin Ruined the Relationships

Sin didn't just break rules, it broke relationships, all of them

Humanity hid from God

Adam blamed Eve

Eve blamed the serpent

Work became painful

**Childbirth became
painful**



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Sin Ruined the Relationships

Sin didn't just break rules, it broke relationships, all of them

Marriage became strained

Creation became hostile

Loneliness entered the world

Shame entered identity

Fear entered relationships

**Sin fractures everything
we were made for**



Ready to be Found!

















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The Need to Belong

You know what it feels like to long for belonging

You know what it feels like to try to change

You know what it feels like to want relationship, want connection, want God, but still feel lost

The good news is: Lost is not the end of the story

The rest of the story, if you want it to be, is about “Found.”

The rest of the story is about grace



A blue cartoon character named Stitch is standing on a sandy beach. He is holding a small, green, stuffed animal that looks like a crocheted creature with buttons for eyes and a stitched mouth. The background features palm trees, a blue sky with white clouds, and a blue ocean.

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Means Family

You were created for family, God's family. And in His family your story isn't finished yet