



# TRUE FRIENDSHIP

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# 1. Our Greatest Friend



# John 15:9-17

- Jn 15:9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
- Jn 15:10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.
- Jn 15:11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
- Jn 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

# John 15:9-17 Cont.

- Jn 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- Jn 15:14 You are my friends if you do what I command.
- Jn 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because servants do not know their master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
- Jn 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.
- Jn 15:17 This is my command: Love each other



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# Hebrews 10:24-25

- Heb 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,
- Heb 10:25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## 2. True Friends



- Proverbs 17:17  
A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.
- Proverbs 18:24  
One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
- Proverbs 27:6  
Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.
- Proverbs 27:9  
Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.

# Matthew 26:36-46

- Mt 26:36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
- Mt 26:37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.
- Mt 26:38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."
- Mt 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."
- Mt 26:40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.

# Matthew 26:36-46 Cont.

- Mt 26:41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- Mt 26:42 He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."
- Mt 26:43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.
- Mt 26:44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.
- Mt 26:45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.
- Mt 26:46 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

# Galatians 6:2-5

- Gal 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
- Gal 6:3 If any of you think you are something when you are nothing, you deceive yourselves.
- Gal 6:4 Each of you should test your own actions. Then you can take pride in yourself, without comparing yourself to somebody else,
- Gal 6:5 for each of you should carry your own load.

# Matthew 11:28-30

- Mt 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
- Mt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- Mt 11:30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

# James 2:14-17

- Jas 2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if people claim to have faith but have no deeds? Can such faith save them?
- Jas 2:15 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.
- Jas 2:16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?
- Jas 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead

# 1 Samuel 18:1-4

- <sup>1Sa 18:1</sup> After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.
- <sup>1Sa 18:2</sup> From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family.
- <sup>1Sa 18:3</sup> And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.
- <sup>1Sa 18:4</sup> Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

# 1 Samuel 19:1-3

- <sup>1Sa 19:1</sup> Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan had taken a great liking to David
- <sup>1Sa 19:2</sup> and warned him, “My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there.
- <sup>1Sa 19:3</sup> I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I’ll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out.”

# 1 Samuel 20:1-4

- <sup>1Sa 20:1</sup> Then David fled from Naioth at Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked, “What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to take my life?”
- <sup>1Sa 20:2</sup> “Never!” Jonathan replied. “You are not going to die! Look, my father doesn’t do anything, great or small, without letting me know. Why would he hide this from me? It isn’t so!”
- <sup>1Sa 20:3</sup> But David took an oath and said, “Your father knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said to himself, ‘Jonathan must not know this or he will be grieved.’ Yet as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, there is only a step between me and death.”
- <sup>1Sa 20:4</sup> Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you want me to do, I’ll do for you.”

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