

The greatest friendship we have is with Jesus.

People: Friendship



CORE SCRIPTURE

John 15:12-15

12) This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13) Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15) No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

MAIN POINT

***"To have great friends we must be a great friend."
– Casey Treat***

True friendship begins with Jesus, who calls us His friends and models sacrificial love. Godly friendships require showing up, commitment, honesty, and time. Real friends sharpen, strengthen, and love through every season. Friendship is both sowing and reaping—when we invest in others, we reflect Christ's faithful love and grow together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does knowing Jesus calls you His friend (John 15:12-15) change the way you view your relationship with Him?
- Which of the six principles—showing up, being the friend you want to have, sowing and reaping, commitment, time, or cost—challenges you most right now?
- Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly." What does it look like to show up for others in your daily life?
- 1 John 4:19 says, "We love because He first loved us." What makes it hard at times to receive God's love personally?
- Who in your life has been a "friend who sticks closer than a brother"? How can you honor or emulate that friendship this week?

Father,

THANK YOU FOR CALLING US FRIENDS. TEACH US TO LOVE LIKE YOU—FAITHFUL, HONEST, AND COMMITTED. HELP OUR FRIENDSHIPS REFLECT YOUR GRACE AND MAKE US BETTER TOGETHER. AMEN.