

Jesus and me: friends forever

Increasing of friendships

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¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:12-15

1. Jesus and me: The we get, the more I get. 9:30-31a

The 5 Love Languages: time; Words of
Physical, Giving/receiving, Acts of

2. Jesus and me: The more I, the more I understand. 9:31b

2a. Jesus understands &

We do have a high priest who is able to feel sympathy for our weaknesses. We have one who has been tested in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Hebrews 4:15

2b Jesus understands &

2c Jesus understands the picture

3. Jesus and me: The deeper I dig, the I rise. 9:32

3a Jesus wants my

Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

3b Jesus wants my

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Psalm 23:4

My prayer list

Discussion starters

1. Who was your best friend in your childhood years? What were the characteristics of childhood friendship? Who is your closest friend at the moment? In what ways is adult friendship different from childhood friendship?
2. "Abraham believed God... and he was called a friend of God (James 2:23). What are some of the connections between believing someone and being their friend?
3. Read John 15:12-15. In what ways did Jesus display friendship to His disciples? In what ways were the disciples to display friendship towards Jesus? What do these same principles look like when we apply them today?
4. Remind yourself of the 5 love languages. Which is your primary love language? What are appropriate ways to communicate in each love language to the people at church. What might over-stepping the boundaries of propriety look like?
5. What do you need to do in order to improve the quality of your Quiet Time with God?
6. Jesus wants my head. How can I make better use of my mind to improve my spiritual life? Jesus wants my heart. How can I make better use of my emotions to improve my spiritual life?