

You've Got a Friend in Me

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"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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." (John 15:13-16 NIV)

We read in John 15:13-16 that Jesus exemplifies what true friendship is. Jesus' friendship with us should give us perspective on how our friendships should be with others:

- **True friendship puts others BEFORE yourself.**

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*"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."
(Proverbs 17:17 NIV)*

- **True friendship calls the GREATNESS out of each other.**

"You are my friends if you do what I command. 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." (v. 14-15)

"Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses." (Proverb 27:5-6 NIV)

- **True friendship leads to a fruitful life of VISION and MISSION.**

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"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24 NIV)