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Part 12 - Cultivating Friendship



# Four Fundamental Facts on Friendship



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***Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble.***

***- Proverbs 17:17 MSG***

# 1. We Are Built for Friendship



***Then the LORD God said,  
“It is not good that the man should  
be alone; I will make him a helper  
fit for him.”***

***- Genesis 2:18 ESV***

***Don't leave your friends or your  
parents' friends and run home to  
your family when things get rough;  
Better a nearby friend than  
a distant family.***

***- Proverbs 27:10 MSG***

# 2. We Need Friendship with God



***And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.***

***- James 2:23 ESV***



# 3. True Friends Always Let You in



***You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.***

***- John 15:14-15 ESV***

# The Horizontal Dimension: Friendship Cannot Be Forced



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The Horizontal Dimension:  
Friendship Cannot Be Forced

The Vertical Dimension:  
Christianity is a Religion of  
Friendship



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# 4. True Friends Never Let You Down



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

***- John 15:13 ESV***

***But Ruth said, “Don’t force me to  
leave you; don’t make me go home.***

***Where you go, I go;  
and where you live, I’ll live...***

***- Ruth 1:16-17 MSG***

*...Your people are my people,  
your God is my god; where you die,  
I'll die, and that's where I'll be buried,  
so help me GOD—not even death  
itself is going to come between us!”*

*- Ruth 1:16-17 MSG*



***Some friends may ruin you,  
but a real friend will be more  
loyal than a brother.***

***- Proverbs 18:24 NCV***

# The Horizontal Dimension: Friendship Requires Sacrificial Giving



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The Horizontal Dimension:  
Friendship Requires Sacrificial  
Giving

The Vertical Dimension:  
Jesus' Death Means Everything  
to Me!



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