

# Four Fundamental Facts on Friendship



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



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

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



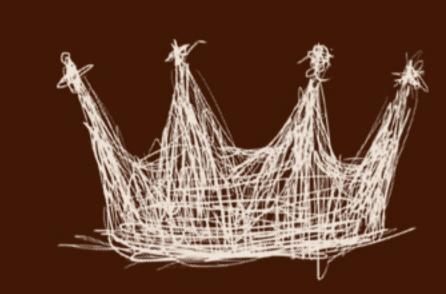
And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God.



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.

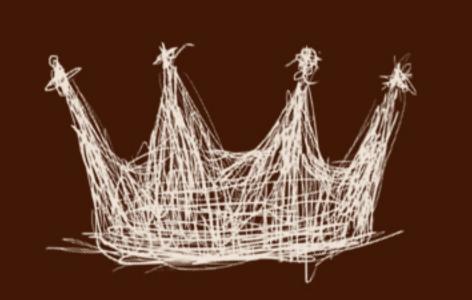
- John 15:14-15 ESV

#### The Horizontal Dimension: Friendship Cannot Be Forced



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### The Vertical Dimension: Christianity is a Religion of Friendship



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

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...

... 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.

### The Horizontal Dimension: Friendship Requires Sacrificial Giving



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The Vertical Dimension:

Jesus' Death Means Everything

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