



WISDOM

WISDOM: Fighting for the Friendship

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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE:

2020 was hard on relationships. Perhaps you struggled relationally in 2020. Perhaps you lost some friends in 2020 due to all the upheaval around us. This weekend we will go to the scriptures to frame the relational trauma that we experienced. Proverbs chapter seventeen and verse seventeen says, “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. It may be helpful to think about our friendships through the lens of confidants, constituents, and comrades. Each play a role in our lives but only one is born for adversity. Of course, Jesus is our ultimate model of what it means to be a friend.

“This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father.”

- John 15:12-15 (The Message)

After so much upheaval, perhaps the best way to fight for friendship is love.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

(for personal and small group discussion)

1. How has the crucible of the Covid-19, racial tension and the election church exposed the church in 2020?
2. Have we fought for new and old friendship?
3. What ways have we been unloving in 2020?

The scriptures says that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

4. As a believer how will we be judged? Will we be judged based on our arguments or based upon love?

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