



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

What Is a Friend?

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Highlighted Scripture & Poem

Proverbs 18:24 (ESV)

“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

John 15:13 (ESV)

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

Poem: A Wish for You Today

**I wish you a day of ordinary miracles.
A fresh pot of coffee you didn't have to make yourself.
An unexpected phone call from an old friend.
Green stoplights on your way to work or shop.**

**I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in:
The fastest line in the grocery store,
A good sing-along song on the radio,
Your keys right where you look.**

**I wish you a day of happiness and perfection,
Little bite-sized pieces of perfection
That give you the funny feeling**

**That the Lord is smiling on you,
Holding you so gently,
Because you are someone special and rare.**

**I wish you a day of peace, happiness, and joy.
They say it takes a minute to find a special person,
An hour to appreciate them,
A day to love them,
But then an entire life to forget them.**

Discussion Questions

- 1. How does Proverbs 18:24 reshape your definition of friendship?**
- 2. What is one way you have experienced a friend being “closer than a brother”?**
- 3. How can we model Jesus’ sacrificial love in our friendships, even when it costs us something?**
- 4. What ordinary “miracles” in your day remind you of God’s love and the gift of friends?**
- 5. How can you be more intentional this week in being a true friend to someone in need?**

Reflection Challenge

- Take time to thank God for one or two friends who have shown up for you in difficult times.**
- Write a note, text, or call a friend to remind them how much they mean to you.**
- Reflect on how you can be more like Jesus in your friendships — giving without counting the cost.**
- Memorize Proverbs 18:24 or John 15:13 this week as a reminder of true friendship.**

Prayer Prompt

“Lord, teach us to love like You. Help us to be a friend to all we see, and follow the nudging You give us. Help us to put aside the cost we think will come to us and just have an open heart. You didn’t step aside because of

the cost to You. You loved us enough to be a true friend, no matter the cost. Help us, Lord, to be just like You. Amen."

