

James 2:23 - “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.”

Isaiah 41:8 - But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, My friend.”

Galatians 3:6-9 - “Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”

I. Intimacy: A Place of Rest (9-10)

“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.”

II. Intimacy: A Place of Joyfulness (11)

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

III. Intimacy: A Place of Selflessness (12-13, 17)

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends... 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

IV. Intimacy: A Place of Friendship (14-15)

“You are My friends if you do what I command you. 15 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.” **Jesus indicates that mark of friendship with Him is that He reveals the secrets of the Father**

V. Intimacy: A Place of Breakthrough (16)

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”