

A True Friend

God's Way Is Man's Stay - (# 3)

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OPENING SCRIPTURE: James 1:17-27

KEY VERSE: James 1:27

TEXT: John 15:7-17

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John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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1) What Is A _____?

2) _____ In The Bible.

3) Who _____ A Friend?

4) The _____ Friend.

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**Greater love hath
no man than this,
that a man lay down
his life for his friends.
(John 15:13)**

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**When God created man
He put within him a need
for companionship.**

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References:

Genesis 2:18

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**It is a wonderful thing
to have a friend and
to be a friend.**

**The greatest friend of all
is the Lord.**

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References:

Proverbs 18:24

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**This message is all
about the Lord and
the kind of friendship
He offers and inspires.**

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is found in our
relationship with God.**

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1) What Is A Friend?

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**As the Father hath loved me,
so have I loved you:
continue ye in my love.
(John 15:9)**

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**A person who is
truly a friend possesses
certain characteristics
which distinguish him
from those who are not.**

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**A friend loveth at all times,
and a brother is born
for adversity.
(Proverbs 17:17)**

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**Unqualified love—divine
love that comes from
God—is a rare
Characteristic
among humans,
this is Agape in action.**

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**Charity suffereth long,
and is kind; charity envieth not;
charity vaunteth not itself,
is not puffed up,
(1 Corinthians 13:4)**

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**Bearth all things,
believeth all things,
hopeth all things,
endureth all things.
(1 Corinthians 13:7)**

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References:

Psalm 34:17

Psalm 34:19

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**Every new member
in the church needs
a friend to help him
become established.
It is the duty of the
members to make the
initial move and
welcome this new
person into the
congregation.**

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1) What Is A Friend?

2) Friendship
In The Bible.

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**Ye are my friends,
if ye do whatsoever I command you.
(John 15:14)**

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**People in the Bible
joined together
in ministry and
became friends
through their service
for the Lord.**

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**And David said,
Is there yet any that is left
of the house of Saul,
that I may shew him kindness
for Jonathan's sake?
(2 Samuel 9:1)**

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References:

2 Samuel 9:7

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**And the scripture
was fulfilled which saith,
Abraham believed God,
and it was imputed unto him
for righteousness:
and he was called
the Friend of God.
(James 2:23)**

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- 1) What Is A Friend?
- 2) Friendship
In The Bible.
- 3) Who Needs A Friend?

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**Henceforth I call you not servants;
for the servant knoweth not
what his lord doeth:
but I have called you friends;
for all things that I have
heard of my Father
I have made known unto you.
(John 15:15)**

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References:

Mark 2:3-5

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What friendship.

**The Bible doesn't say
these four sought
to see Jesus,
it says they brought
their friend to Jesus.**

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**Pure religion and undefiled
before God and the Father is this,
To visit the fatherless and
widows in their affliction,
and to keep himself unspotted
from the world.
(James 1:27)**

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References:

Psalm 146:9

Matthew 25:40

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- 3) Who Needs A Friend?
- 4) The Ultimate Friend.

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**The Lord is the
ultimate friend.**

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**True friendship
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relationship with God.**

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**If you do not know
the Lord as your
closest and dearest
friend, then you
have not experienced
true friendship.**

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**But God commendeth
his love toward us, in that,
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.
(Romans 5:8)**

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References:

1 Timothy 3:16

James 4:4

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**Be a friend of God,
commune with His
Holy Word.**

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References:

Psalm 46:1

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**Friendship is expressed
through love in action.**

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**If ye love me,
keep my commandments.
(John 14:15)**

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Concluding Scripture:

**Jesus answered and
said unto him, If a man
love me, he will keep my
words: and my Father
will love him, and we will
come unto him, and
make our abode with
him. (John 14:23)**

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