

A person is paragliding over a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that reflects on the water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. The person is silhouetted against the bright sun, and their parachute is visible above them. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

JESUS ON TRANSFORMING FRIENDSHIP

# Learn from Me

Matthew 11: <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."




# Learn from Me Love like Me

John 13: <sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you:  
Love one another. As I have loved you, so  
you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this  
everyone will know that you are my  
disciples, if you love one another."

Learn from Me  
Love like Me



A person is paragliding over a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that reflects on the water and illuminates the sky. The paraglider's canopy is orange and yellow with red stripes. The person is silhouetted against the bright light of the sun. The beach and ocean are visible in the foreground and middle ground.

*“I have transforming friends for you. Here are some building blocks”*

*Learn from Me  
Love like Me*



Transforming Friendships require time and effort. Choose into them.

Initiate like Jesus did

"Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others." Philippians 2:4 (NCV)

**choose**

*Learn from Me  
Love like Me*



Be regular and reliable

A friend loves you all the time - Prov 17:17 LB

choose

earn trust

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Be regular and reliable

Matthew 9:35-36

Be an empathetic watcher  
and listener

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin Hebrews 4:14 -15

We must bear the burden of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others Romans 15:2a (LB)

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Serve

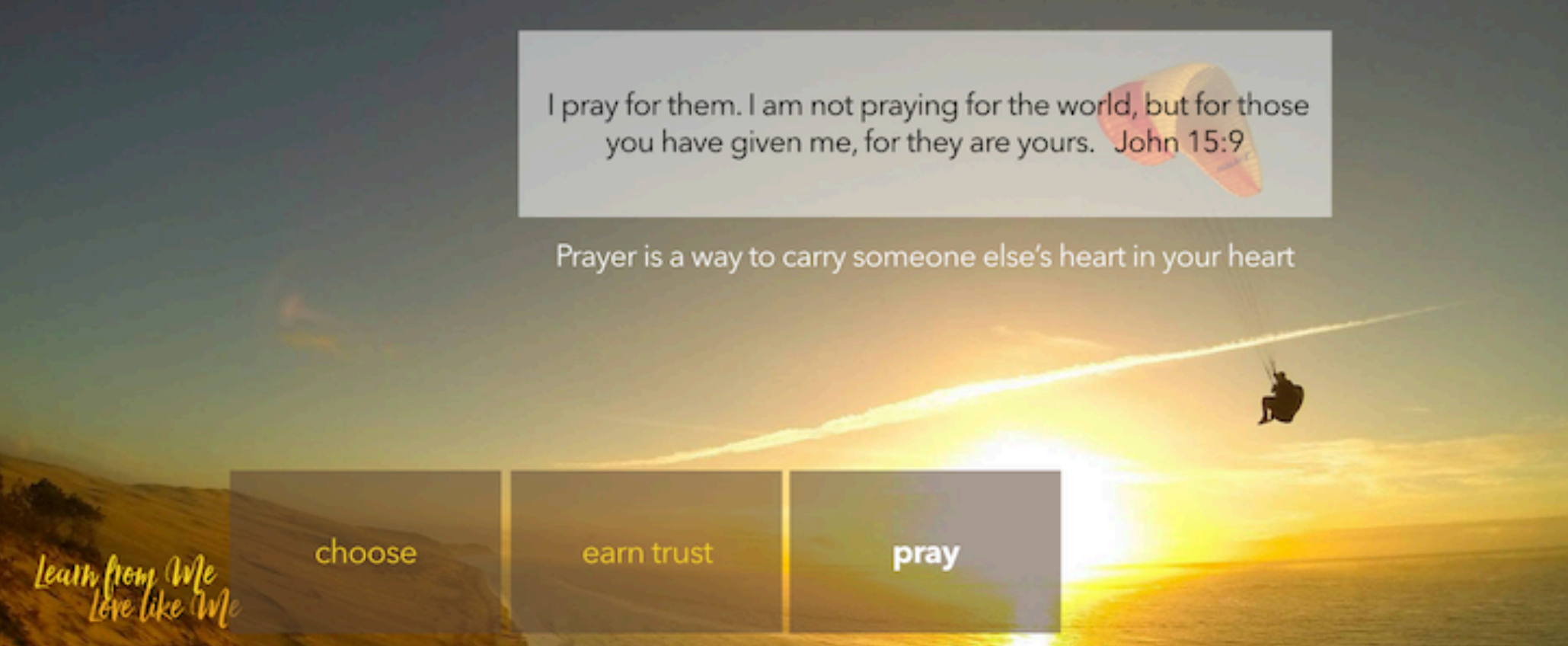
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I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those  
you have given me, for they are yours. John 15:9

Prayer is a way to carry someone else's heart in your heart

choose

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pray

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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 15:15 (Passion)

choose

earn trust

pray

**affirm**

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Luke 10:17-23, John 11:35

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Romans 12:15 (NIV)

**celebrate wins and  
grieve losses together**

choose

earn trust

pray

affirm

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Be the friend you want your friends to be  
when you make mistakes with them

celebrate wins and  
grieve losses together

exercise grace and honor

choose

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pray

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Better is open rebuke  
Than love that is  
concealed. Faithful  
are the wounds of a  
friend, But deceitful  
are the kisses of an  
enemy.  
Proverbs 27:5-6

Just as iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen the minds  
of each other." Proverbs 27:17 CEV

An honest answer  
is a sign of true  
friendship.  
Proverbs 24:26 TEV

**speak and receive truth**

celebrate wins and  
grieve losses together

exercise grace and honor

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*"I have transforming friends for you. Here are some building blocks"*

*What is holding  
you back?*

*Do you need to  
know Jesus as your  
closest friend?*

*What practical  
steps is He inviting  
you into?*

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