



For the **CITY**
in our FRIENDSHIPS

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Jeremiah 29:7

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

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Introduction

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**What does Proverbs
say regarding
*Friendships?***

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Proverbs 17:17

**17 A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.**

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Proverbs 27:6

“Wounds from a sincere **friend** are better than many kisses from an enemy.”

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Proverbs 18:24

“There are “friends” who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.”

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Proverbs 18:24 (MSG)

**24 Friends come and friends go,
but a true friend sticks by you like family.**

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Proverbs 27:17

“As iron sharpens iron, so a **friend sharpens a friend.**”

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Proverbs 13:20

“Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.”

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Proverbs 22:11 (MSG)

**11 GOD loves the pure-hearted and well-spoken;
good leaders also delight in their friendship.**

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Proverbs 27:9 (MSG)

**9 Just as lotions and fragrance give sensual delight,
a sweet friendship refreshes the soul.**

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Example of *Friendship*
In the Old Testament

David and Jonathan

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1 Samuel 18:1-5 AMP

1 “When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bonded to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. 2 Saul took David that day and did not let him return to his father’s house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan stripped himself of the outer robe that he was wearing and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword, his bow, and his belt.

1 Samuel 18:1-5 AMP

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and he acted wisely and prospered; and Saul appointed him over the men of war. And it pleased all the people and also Saul's servants.”

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1 Samuel 20:3 (NLT)

3 Then David took an oath before Jonathan and said, “Your father knows perfectly well about our **friendship**, so he has said to himself, ‘I won’t tell Jonathan—why should I hurt him?’ But I swear to you that I am only a step away from death! I swear it by the LORD and by your own soul!”

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1 Samuel 20:17 (NLT)

17 And Jonathan made David reaffirm his vow of **friendship** again, for Jonathan loved David as he loved himself.

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Friendship

In the New Testament
The **GREATEST** example of

Friendship

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John 15:14-15 (AMP)

14 You are my **friends** if you keep on doing what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you [My] **friends**, because I have revealed to you everything that I have heard from My Father.

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John 15:13-15 (MSG)

13 This is the very best way to love. **Put your life on the line for your friends.** 14 You are my friends when you do the things I command you. 15 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.

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Friendship With **GOD** or
Friendship
with the **WORLD**

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Romans 5:10-11 (NLT)

10 For since our **friendship** with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. 11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

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James 4:4 (NLT)

4 You adulterers! Don't you realize that **friendship** with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a **friend** of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

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James 4:4 (MSG)

4 You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way.

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Conclusion

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