

True Friends

The Bible has much to say about friendship. Jesus is the example of true friendship in that while we were yet sinners he still loved us. He laid down his life for his friends and he is the friend that loves at all times and sticks closer than a brother.

Job 6:14-15

A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty. But my brothers are as undependable as intermittent streams, as the streams that overflow.

Job 16:1-2

"I have heard many things like these; miserable comforters are you all!"

Proverbs 10:12

Love covers a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 11:13

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man (friend) keeps a secret.

Proverbs 17:17

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

Proverbs 18:24

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

Proverbs 27:6

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Proverbs 27:9

Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens the countenance of a friend.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: 10. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Jesus is Our Example of a True Friend

- ✚ Never speaks evil of us to others.
 - ✚ Never betrays a confidence.
 - ✚ Never throws stones.
 - ✚ Never is judgmental.
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- Always is merciful.
 - Always is kind, loving and forgiving.
 - Always is there beside us.
 - Always picks us up when we fall.

Can you think of other Biblical examples of true friendship?

- Jesus lays down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)
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