

ANCHORED PEOPLE

FRIENDSHIP I part1

"Greater love has no one than this.."

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intro:

Being ANCHORED

Last time: **BRINGING DOWN THE WALLS TO LOVE**

Primary need of people? Survive, safe, secure..

Walls of hearts

Walls – Fear, Selfishness and Comfort, Idolatry, Hurt
– / Offense and Even busyness

Jesus loved without WALLS – ALL AREAS OF LIFE –
family, friends, strangers, nations

**So should we as PROFESSING FOLLOWERS OF
CHRIST**



intro:

Looked at Scripture:

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Luke 6:31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.



#anchored in love..

**#anchored in
FRIENDSHIP**



2. FRIENDSHIP and the Word:



Friendship and
life...

Your need?



Proverbs 18:24

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

As a follower of Christ, what should friendship look like?

**Where do we start? | SCRIPTURE | JESUS
JESUS = foundation of all true friendship**



2.1 new testament:

John 15:13-15

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you"



2.2 Old testament:

Abraham I Friend of God: 2 Chron 20:7; Isa 41:8; James 2:23

Friend

BTW **HEBREW** def

'âhab 'âhêb I aw-hab', aw-habe'

A primitive root; **to have affection for; - (be-) love (-d, -ly, -r), like, friend.**



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2 Chron 20:7 “Did You not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever.”

Isa 41:8 “But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham My friend.”




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James 2:21

“Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?
22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;
23 and the Scripture, (Gen 15:6), was fulfilled which says, “AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and he was called the friend of God.



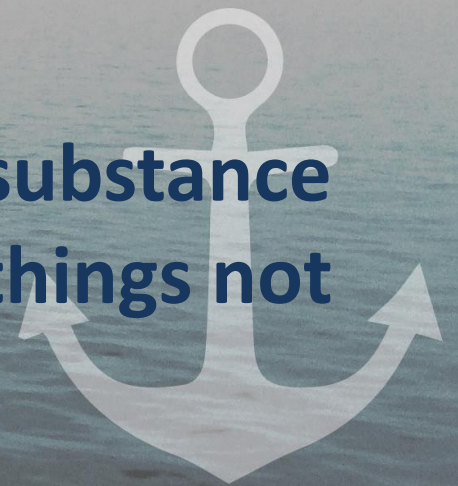
We SEE here:

[1] Friends by faith – Abraham had faith

[DEF: complete trust or confidence in someone or something. synonyms: trust, belief, confidence, conviction, credence, reliance, dependence]

Requirement of FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



We SEE here:

[2] Friends of the Lord are in the ‘know’:

Genesis 18:17 “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing ...?”

Fruit of friendship is KNOWING Him and what He is doing



2.3 JESUS, OUR FIRST AND REAL FRIEND

John 15:13-15 (HCSB)

No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you slaves anymore, because a slave doesn't know what his master [or Lord] is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from My Father.



[1] Have FAITH:

BELIEVERS ENJOY FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

Romans 5:10

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. (NLT)

“You are my friends if you do what I command.”



[2] Friends of JESUS are in the 'know':

15 I do not call you slaves [*servants*] anymore, because a slave doesn't know what his master [*or Lord*] is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from My Father.



[3] As His friend, I receive the greatest LOVE:

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Why is friendship with Jesus an anchor?



Take care and **TAKE HOME**

1. One OR the other

James 4:4 AMP You adulteresses [disloyal sinners—flirting with the world and breaking your vow to God]! Do you not know that being the world's friend [that is, loving the things of the world] is being God's enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

HCSB Adulteresses! Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the world's friend becomes God's enemy.



Take care and TAKE HOME

1. Jesus OR the World
2. Fulfilment in Friendship
3. If foundations are flawed

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First friend?

Next week...



PRAYER

MINISTRY TIME

