

ANCHORED PEOPLE

FRIENDSHIP I part 2

"Greater love has no one than this.."

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intro:

#anchored in love.. #anchored in FRIENDSHIP
WE NEED FRIENDS / FRIENDSHIPS

Proverbs 18:24

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

As followers of Christ –
start with **Scripture AND JESUS**

#FirstFriend



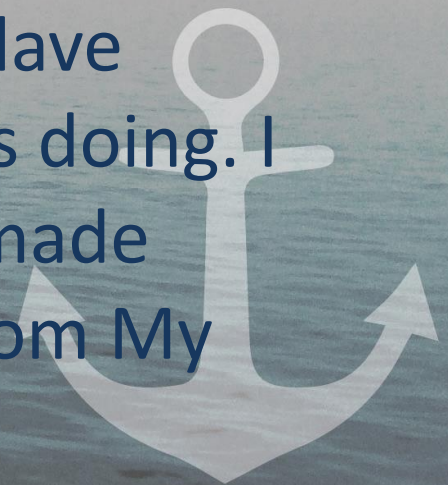
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Old Testament: **ABRAHAM** ['Friend of God']
Faith and 'In the know'

New Testament:

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.



2. Friend foundation:



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

2.2 Not transactional:

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From the Word



FOUNDATION

First friend



3. Be a Fulfilled Friend:



3.1 Best Friend is a Full Friend [content]:

**'Two drowning people
can't save each other.
All they can do is drag
each other down.'**

Spiritually / emotionally



Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.



3.2 Realistic expectation:

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”
(John 6:35)

For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
(Psalm 107:9)



3.2 Realistic expectation...:

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

(Psalm 22:26)

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

(Psalm 16:11)

Biblical expectation management!

Godly balance



“Don’t expect from people what you can only receive from God and likewise do not expect from God what He intended to provide to you through people..”



3.3 Open Hand:

If you are a 'fulfilled friend' you can walk through life with an open hand with God.

Job 1:21 “..The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away...”



4. We SHARE:



Proverbs 12:26

The righteous choose their friends carefully, but
the way of the wicked leads them astray.



“Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future”

Based on: **Proverbs 13:20** (HCSB) The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm.



Heart, direction, vision

Father..

Pointing each other again in the right direction



Friends DIRECT each other to:

The Word and the Spirit

“The will of God is not something you add to your life. It’s a course you choose. You either line yourself up with the Son of God...or you capitulate to the principle which governs the rest of the world.”

— Elisabeth Elliot



5. Follow the First Friend:



John 15:13 No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends.

Proverbs 17:17

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



6. Be that friend..:



Be that friend..

Be that friend you want

Be real and open -

**‘We may impress people with our
strengths, but we connect with
people through our weaknesses’**

Craig Groeschel



Only One Friend in our
friendship needs to be
**PERFECT AND
STRONG....JESUS**



PRAYER

MINISTRY TIME

