

A FRIEND NAMED JESUS

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Proverbs 17:17, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Memory Verse

¹⁵ Servants don't know what their master is doing, and so I don't speak to you as my servants. I speak to you as my friends, and I have told you everything my Father has told me.

John 15:15



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Think about your best friend. How long have you known each other? What do you like about your best friend? That person probably likes to do the same things you like to do. Maybe they like the same sports or video games. Your best friend might be someone you tell your secrets to and knows everything about you. How do you know you have a good friendship?

Jesus tells us the greatest way to show love is to lay down your life for a friend (John 15:12-15). Jesus chose us as his friends and died for us to show his love. He will be our friend for the rest of our lives. Other friends may come and go, but with Jesus, we have someone who will stay with us always.

Just as he said to his disciples, Jesus does not speak to you as his servant but as his friend. He loves you and wants to have a relationship with you. Is it hard to think of Jesus as a friend? Friends are people we hang out with, people we talk to, and get to know everything about them. How can we grow closer to Jesus as a friend? It's simple—we spend time with him.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for being my friend. Thank you for being someone I can talk to. Help me to be a good friend to you and the people around me. Amen.

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