



Me: A.K.A. Friend

John 15:12-16 (p.824)

We all long for genuine friendship. We are lonely when we lack friends, healthier when we have friends, hurt when our friends let us down, and happier when our friends encourage us. One of the truly amazing realities of being a Christ follower, is that Jesus wants to be more than our leader, our teacher, or our master...He wants to be our friend!

"I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends since I have told you everything the Father told me." John 15:15

The Essence of Friendship

1. Friends **care deeply** about each other.

"...Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12

2. Friends **let each other in**.

"Now you are my friends since I have told you everything the Father told me." John 15:15

*"The Lord is a friend [confides in] to those who fear him..."
Psalm 25:14*

3. Friends **put themselves out** for each other.

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

Knowing God as my Friend

1. Accept His offer of **friendship**.

"You didn't choose me, I chose you." John 15:16

2. Let Him tell you His **secrets**, and tell Him yours.

"...The Spirit will tell you all he receives from me." John 16:15

*"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."
1 Peter 5:7*

3. **Put yourself out** for Him because He

put Himself out for you.

"You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14

"...Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

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