



Friends of God

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❖ **Friendship With God is His Design (Gen 1:27, 3:8)**

- > *The image of God*- God created us for relationship and purpose.
- > *God walks in the Garden*- Friendship with God was implicit from the beginning (intimacy, love, purpose).
- > Friendship was spending time with God to reflect God's nature to the rest of creation. And trusting that God knows best.
- > Since the fall we live with longing for how we were designed (love and meaning) with shame for who we are without God. "you could be god."

❖ **Abraham--Friendship and Mission (Gen 18:17; Isa 41:8)**

- > God begins his plan of redemption through Abraham and calls him his friend.
- > Abraham agrees to this covenant friendship by participating in the mission.
- > Friendship is built on a covenant of trust and acting on God's word.

❖ **Moses: Friendship and Transformation (Ex 33:11; 34:29)**

- > Moses is carrying on the mission begun by Abraham.
- > The covenant relationship is made clearer through the Law.
- > Moses discovers the nature of God & God speaks to Moses as a friend.
- > Moses in turn is transformed by God's presence not just the Law.

❖ **Jesus the Ultimate Friend (John 15:13; 2 Cor 3:18)**

- > Jesus calls the disciples His friends.
- > As friends they join him in both the Gospel mission but also they want to be like him.
- > All believers are to be friends of Jesus and as we contemplate His nature we are transformed into his image.

❖ **Jesus--Our True Friend**

- > There is true freedom→ choice and responsibility.
- > Seeks to know, to listen and understand the other→ The Word.
- > Believes and trusts the other→ Faith and Surrender
- > Spends time and enjoys each other→ Prayer and contemplation.
- > Honest Conversation → Confession, repentance about struggles.
- > Honors the nature, interests & gifts of the other → Spirit.
- > Shares a mission or passion together→ the Gospel.

❖ **Taking It Home**

- > What is it you long for in the center of your heart?
- > What if being God's friend was truly possible? How does it feel to be called God's friend?
- > What if we could join God in his rescue mission and be transformed into his image?
- > What would you like to see God change in your life through your friendship with God.
- > What do you want to change in your life to be more deliberate about your friendship with God?