



LET'S TALK RELATIONSHIPS "Friends for Life"

THREE LEVELS OF FRIENDSHIP

• _____ Friendships

"Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family."
Proverbs 18:24 (MSG)

• _____ Friendships

• _____ and _____ Friendships

"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."
Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV)

HOW WE BECOME FRIENDS FOR LIFE - 1 Samuel 18:1-4

1. "Friends for life" _____ to our calling.

"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."
Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

2. "Friends for life" are about _____.

Covenant says, "Some things in life are
not meant to be _____."

"Love never comes to an end." 1 Corinthians 13:8 (GWT)

FRIENDS (Cont'd)

"Friendship is a much underestimated aspect of spirituality. It's every bit as significant as prayer and fasting. Like the sacramental use of water and bread and wine, friendship takes what is common in human experience and turns it into something holy." —Eugene Peterson

3. "Friends for life" fulfill a _____.

Jonathan said [to David]: "Go in peace! The two of us have vowed friendship in God's name, saying, 'God will be the bond between me and you, and between my children and your children forever!'"
1 Samuel 20:42 (MSG)

The best relationships have a core of
divine _____.

"The greatest love you can show is to give your life for your friends."
John 15:13 (GWT)

Our first and greatest friendship
is with _____.

GATHER, GROW AND GO WITH US IN SMALL GROUPS

Open Up: Describe your best friendship ever. What has it meant to you?

Share Scriptures: Let different members share a verse or idea from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What can we do this week to lay our lives down for others?

Pray Together: Pray that each person will find close, spiritual friendships.



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