

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the backs of many people's heads are visible as they sit in pews. In the background, a choir of people stands on a stage with their arms raised in praise. A banner above the choir reads "Celebrate Life Together!".

# SERMON OF THE WEEK

## **8 Principles of Biblical Friendship**

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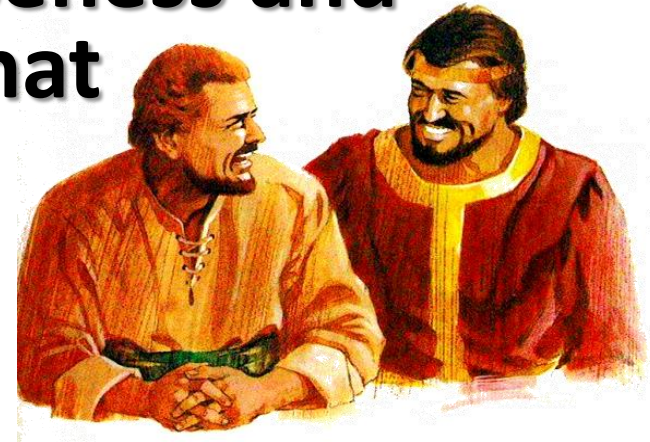




# 8 Principles of *Biblical Friendship*

## **Affinity**

“A feeling of closeness and understanding that one has for another person because of their similar qualities, ideas, or interests.”



***David & Jonathan*** 1 Sam 18:1 ***Loved him*** as self

***Jesus and Apostles*** John 15:14 My ***friends*** if you do

***Jesus & Inner Three*** Mat 17:1 Trans; Mk 5:37 Girl;  
Mk 13:3 Disciple Ques; Mk 14:33 Gethsemane.

***Christian to Christian*** 3 John 14 Greet the ***friends***  
by name. (We're a family Mt 12:48-50)

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## Loyalty

“Is allegiance; a sense of duty; devotion and attachment.”



Prov27:10 *Do not forsake your own friend* or your father's friend.

Prov 18:24b There is a *friend* who *sticks closer than a brother*.

**Not Gossip:** Ps 15:3 “Who does not slander ... *nor takes up a reproach against his friend*.”

1 Pet 4:9 Hospitable to one another *w/o complaint*

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## Availability

“To be reachable; handy; attainable, usable.”

Prov 17:17 *A friend loves at all times* and a brother is born for adversity.

Not just when convenient or you feel like it.



Carol King song: “You’ve got a friend”.

“Jus’ call out my name & you know wherever I am, I’ll come runnin to see you again. Winter Spring, Summer or Fall, all you gotta do is call.. I’ll be there, yes I will. You got a friend..”

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## Honesty

“Fairness & straight forwardness regarding facts.”



Prov 27:6 *Faithful are the wounds of a friend*, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

Lev 25:14 'If you *make a sale*, moreover, to your *friend*, or *buy* from your *friend's* hand, you shall not wrong one another.”

Do the best you can to make everything *Win-Win*.



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## Amnesty

**Forgiveness;**  
Pardon for offenses.

Job 42:10 “And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he *prayed for his friends*, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold.”

Eph 4:2 “Showing  *forbearance* to one another in love.”



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## Generosity

Luke 16:9 Make *FRIENDS* for yourselves by means of unrighteousness *Mammon*; [riches] that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.



**CNN: Research presented this weekend reinforced previous findings that *90 percent of paper money* circulating in U.S. cities contains traces of cocaine. Aug 17, 2009**



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## Boundary

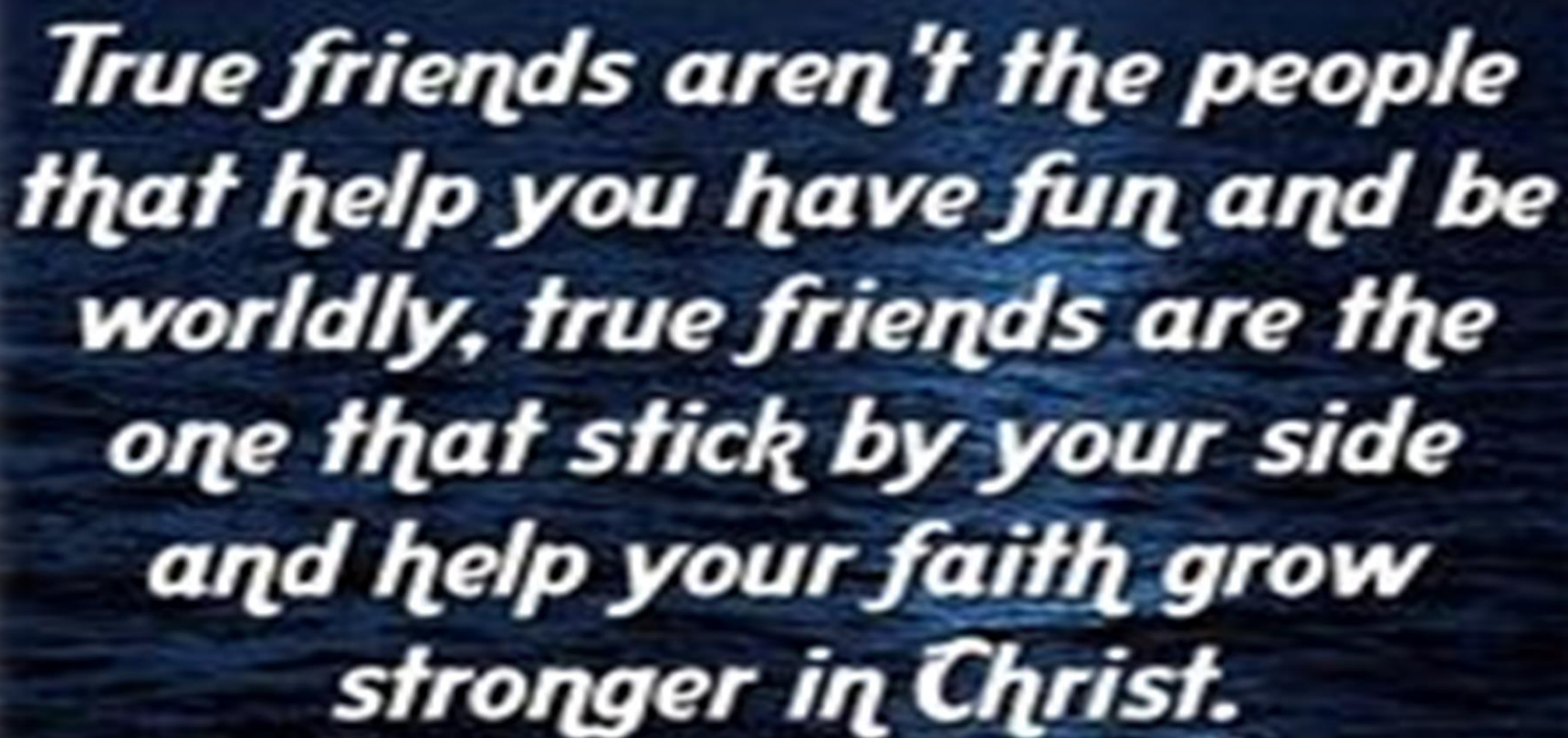
A line that *marks the limits* of an area or sphere of activity.

“Let your foot be *seldom in your neighbor’s house*, lest become weary of you and hate you”

CREATING HEALTHY  
(Prov. 25:17)

2 Sam 13:3 *Amnon had a friend* whose name was Jonadab, (1st cousins) & immoral. (1 Cor 15:33)

Deut 13:6 If *your friend* ... entice you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods' ... v8 **you shall not yield to him** or listen to him...



*True friends aren't the people  
that help you have fun and be  
worldly, true friends are the  
one that stick by your side  
and help your faith grow  
stronger in Christ.*



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## Spirituality

“Focused on religious values.”

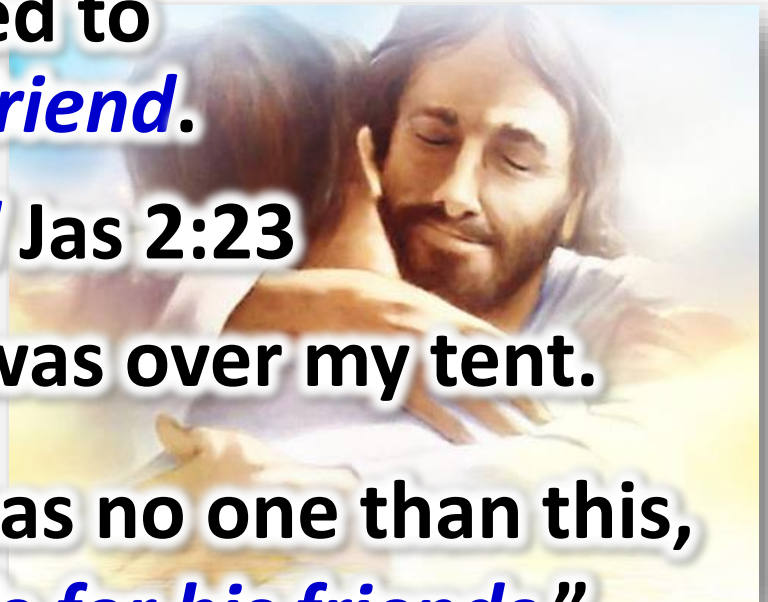
Who is your ***VERY BEST*** friend & knows you better than anybody else & still *likes* you?

Ex 33:11 Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses ... as to his *friend*.

Isa 41:8 *Abraham My friend* Jas 2:23

Job 29:4 *Friendship of God* was over my tent.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one *lay down his life for his friends*."





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# Song: I'll Be a Friend to Jesus



**John 15:13-14 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his *friends*.**