

A WALK WITH A FRIEND

Scripture: Proverbs 18:24

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“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friend if you do what I command.”

~ John 15:9-14

I can think of few more joyous and refreshing activities than walking through the woods on a warm afternoon with a true friend – a friend with whom I can share my most intimate thoughts and feelings, who will share the burdens of life and make them bearable, who knows my greatest joys and fears, who knows when I need silence and when I need a word of encouragement, in whom I have absolute faith, and for whom I desire to give my all.

Amazingly, I have such a friend, and He has by laying down his life given for me, and all who believe in him and follow his commands, the Greatest Love! Jesus is our friend who sticks closer than a brother! He has shown us his Father’s love, and He makes our joy complete if we will follow his commands by loving each other as He loves us!

During this Lenten season, I hope you take the time to enjoy a quiet walk with our Closest Friend, Jesus Christ, and share His Father’s love, which He first shared with us.

Prayer: God, thank you for your love and the gift of your Son, Jesus. Thank you for sending Jesus to guide us as a true friend. In His name I pray. Amen.

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