

FRIENDSHIP

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

PROVERBS 18:24 (ESV)

There are several types of friends. Some are called “acquaintances,” which are people you know and say hello to, but you don’t really know them and don’t do things with them. There is another type of friend that is very hard to find, known as a “true friend.” This friend is always there for you. They are fun to be with and do things with, they listen to you and give comfort in time of distress, and most important, they “have your back.” I was fortunate to find a true friend as a young boy. We have been best friends for almost 70 years. Although our life commitments took us on different paths, we are still the best of friends today. I am an only child, so I call this friend “the brother I never had.”

Many people become preoccupied with living a worldly life. They don’t know Jesus. Some call on Him when they are overwhelmed with life’s trials and tribulations. Most people are living what we refer to as the “good life,” figuring they will seek Jesus’ friendship when they get older. They plan to reconcile their life with Him and ask for His forgiveness. They should ask themselves, “Why don’t I seek Jesus’ friendship now? Why don’t I let Him into my life, like a brother or a best friend?”

There is a hymn that says “what a friend we have in Jesus.” Isn’t there a lot of similarity between having a friend and knowing Jesus as your personal Savior? I was fortunate to find my earthly friend at a very young age. Fortunately, I also found Jesus as my Savior at a young age as well. Just as I was able to depend on my best friend, I’ve always been able to depend on Jesus for comfort and advice. He has always been a prayer away.

He wants your friendship; do you want His? Why wait? If you haven’t found Jesus as your friend and Savior, why not seize that opportunity right now? You’ll be glad you did.

Our Heavenly Father, I have sinned and lived a worldly life, but now I realize that I want you to be my Savior and friend. I want you to be a part of my daily life, giving me friendly advice as to how to live my life to please you and further your Kingdom here on Earth. Amen.

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