

RESET

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

RESET YOUR FRIENDSHIPS

Proverbs 27:17

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MESSAGE NOTES

Qualities of a Great Friend:

The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense. — Proverbs 27:9 (NLT)

- They strengthen our life, know everything about us and love us anyway.

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

The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul ... — Psalm 19:7 (NASB)

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. — Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

- They speak truth to us and we actually listen.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14 (ESV)

- They are for us and with us even when we mess up.

Never abandon a friend — either yours or your father's. When disaster strikes, you won't have to ask your brother for assistance. It's better to go to a neighbor than to a brother who lives far away. — Proverbs 27:10 (NLT)

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. — John 15:13 (ESV)

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. — Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 (NLT)

- They encourage our relationship with Christ.

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The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" — Luke 7:34 (ESV)

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham." — Luke 19:8–9 (ESV)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Name some examples of great friendships displayed in your favorite movies and TV shows.
- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this Sunday?
- What does it mean that Jesus was a “friend of sinners”? How are we to learn from His example?
- Why are having “seasonal, situational and life-long friends” a normal and important part of life?
- Read John 15:13. How might God be leading you to “lay down your life” for a friend right now in a big or small way.
- Why is it so important to develop friends who are “for us even when we mess up”? And what are some ways we live out that quality of friendship?
- What are the qualities of the type of friend that you actually want to listen to?
- What are some faith steps you can take in building some friends in this current season of life?
- Would you be so bold to ask God to lead you to someone who needs a great friend in life right now? And take a step toward inviting them into your life.