

What the Bible Teaches About

FRIENDSHIP

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John 1:14

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

Hebrews 1:1-2a

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son ...”

***God's Unfolding Plan
for Friendship***

John 17:20-26, et al.

- 1. God's very nature is relational and loving.**
- 2. God created us in His image to be relational and loving.**
- 3. God made us with the intention that we would be His friends.**

Leviticus 26:12

“And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.”

Proverbs 16:28

**“A froward man soweth strife:
and a whisperer separateth
chief friends.”**

4. The OT highlights those who were not only servants of God, but who experienced deep friendship with Him.

Genesis 5:24

**“And Enoch walked with God:
and he was not; for God took him.”**

Genesis 6:9

**“These are the generations of Noah:
Noah was a just man and perfect
in his generations, and Noah
walked with God.”**

Isaiah 41:8

**“But thou, Israel, art my servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed
of Abraham my friend.”**

Exodus 33:11a

**“And the LORD spake unto Moses
face to face, as a man speaketh
unto his friend.”**

Deuteronomy 34:10

**“And there arose not a prophet since
in Israel like unto Moses, whom the
LORD knew face to face.”**

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John 15:15

**“Henceforth I call you not servants;
for the servant knoweth not what
his lord doeth: but I have called
you friends; for all things that I
have heard of my Father I have
made known unto you.”**

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