# What the Bible Teaches About

# FRIENDSHIP



- 1. God's own 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.

- 4. The OT highlights those who were not only servants of God, but who experienced deep friendship with Him.
- 5. As NT believers, we are not merely servants of Jesus—we are His friends.

# The Best of Friends

John 15:12-17, et al.

## 2 Timothy 4:16-17a

"At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. 17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; ..."

### Hebrews 4:15

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

### Hebrews 4:16

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

#### Hebrews 7:25

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

- 1. Jesus longs to be with us.
- 2. He loves us to the end.
- 3. He shares His heart with us.
- 4. He cares for us with loving compassion.
- 5. He speaks to us with candor and kindness.