

# Friends



A friend loves at all times,  
and a brother is born for  
adversity.

**Proverbs 17:17**

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

**Proverbs 18:24**

Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

**Proverbs 27:9**

# WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

*In whom we have boldness and access with  
confidence by faith in Him.*

Ephesians 3:12

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- **Call of Levi – Luke 5:27-30**
  - again ate with sinners



# Jesus' Friendship

- Did not ACCEPT their sins
- Did not EXCUSE their sins
- Did not JOIN in their sins
- Called to repentance

# Call to Repent

- A call of GUILT
- A call to TURN
- A call to RETURN

# Calling with LOVE

- 15:7 – joy in heaven
- 15:10 – joy before angels
- 15:20 – embraced him/kissed him
- 15:24 – began to celebrate
- 15:32 – celebrate and be glad

# Jesus' friendship

- Woman anointed His feet -
- Calling of Levi
- Woman in Adultery – John 8

# HE LOVED ME SO

*Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our  
sins in His own blood...to Him be glory...*

Revelation 1:5, 6

# John 15:13-15

- Lay down his life for...
- YOU are my friends.. IF
  - do what I command
- MORE than servants –
  - We are the Friends He died for!

