

Friendship

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends”.

John 15 v13.

Jesus goes on to say in verse 14 “You are my friends”

His disciples must have had great joy at these words but great sorrow when Jesus explained what was to happen later. They could not have visualised the fact of Him rising from the grave at that time and the eternal Joy to come.

Are we willing to lay down our life for Jesus, our dearest Friend?

Think of the friends you have or have had in your own life. What a precious gift friendship reveals. To be able to stick together. To share, laugh or cry with each other, give gifts to show how much we care.

Friendship is a golden chain.
The links are friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel
It’s treasured more each year.....
It’s clasped together firmly
With love that’s deep and true,
And it’s rich with happy memories
And fond recollections too.....

Time can’t destroy its beauty
For, as long as memory lives,
Years can’t erase the pleasure
That the joy of friendship gives
For friendship is a priceless gift
That can’t be bought or sold,
But to have an understanding friend
Is worth far more than gold.....
And the GOLDEN CHAIN of FRIENDSHIP
Is a strong and blessed tie
Binding kindred hearts together
As the years go passing by. Helen Steiner Rice 1971

In our Bible narratives we see the gift of friendship between David and Johnathan.

1 Samuel 18 verse1 “.....the soul of Johnathan was knit to the soul of David, and Johnathan loved him as his own soul”

Ruth did not turn away from Naomi but said “Entreat me not to leave youyour people shall be my people and your God my God” Ruth 1 verse 16

Jesus did not leave his friends bereft but sent His most precious gift, our Helper. Holy Spirit. He is our best friend in this present life. He cares and keeps close to us, He guides and protects us, and gives us gifts that enrich our lives. and that we can share with others to Glorify God.

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