

God Is Your Friend

John 15:14,15; Hebrews 13:5,6

"Friends? Who needs them? I'm fine on my own." We've all probably heard these words at one time or another. We may have said them ourselves. But they couldn't be more false. Having a meaningful relationship with another person is a fundamental human need. Yet there are a lot of people who don't have a really true friend, someone they can talk to, lean on, and confide in. Maybe you're in that situation, not because you're indifferent about having friends, but because the right connection just hasn't come along.

You can be certain of one thing: You do have a Friend. A well-known worship song says, "I am a friend of God; He calls me friend." Abraham was called "God's friend" (James 2:23) because of his faithfulness in following Him. A truly great blessing of being His friend is expressed in Hebrews 13:5,6.

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

God's love and presence are constant. We never have to worry about Him not being there for us. That gives us a lot of confidence to face life's challenges.

All true friendships carry some conditions, such as honesty, integrity, transparency, and confidentiality. Friendship with God carries the condition of obedience to His commands (John 15:14). If we are obedient, God says, "I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have called you friends" (verse 15).

What help and assurance does knowing God is your Friend provide?

How can you more effectively cultivate your friendship with God?