



Intimacy in our Friendship with Jesus | John 15:12-17

Intimacy with Jesus - that captivates my imagination. Jesus calling me to become His friend. What does that deep personal affection for Jesus look like? Jesus just keeps continually showing up in our daily lives. He did it with His disciples after His resurrection. (Read John 20,21). It's His desire to be with us personally, individually and intimately. Honestly, it's just too good to be true! But it is true according to the Word in John 17. When we have been distant to those closest to us, when we've messed up the communication between the ones we love....Jesus is here to show us the way. The more excellent way of genuine love, concern and friendship. It's Jesus' idea. His eternal commitment to us by expressing itself through the ability to maintain an intimate friendship with God Himself.

Are you...?

...Longing for intimate communication - Jesus is there. Lo I am with you (Matt.28:20)

...Praying for a close friendship - Jesus sticks closer than a brother (Prov.18:34)

...Desiring a BFF (best- friend forever) - Jesus is waiting (John 15:25)

Look no further than the Living Word. He awaits with such long suffering to speak to our hearts. He patiently lingers as we pass by our Bibles.

"I'm here... I'm calling... I'm waiting to be your dearest companion through this journey you call life."

How else can we respond to such love, such sweet grace, to such deep forgiveness? We praise...we worship...we adore him through our limited language. "There is no one like you Jesus. You are the lover of my soul. The best part of each day is when I feel your presence. Your eyes of love looking into my very soul. Search for me by Your Spirit and find me"

... come away my love He gently whispers. (Song of Solomon 2:10)

His friendship guides us into a more mature relationship with Him. He allows us to experience a kind of friendship that cannot be compared to anything else we have ever known. We want our eyes opened to His new mercies. He awakens us mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually to experience His loving kindness. We cry out for more... "Search my heart and see if there is an area that needs adjusting. Where can I go from your presence? I am forgiven and no longer want to hide from Your view"

Jesus is waiting...

"Father, thank you for extending such sweet friendship to me. Chase after me when I wander. Stop me in my tracks! My heart's desire is to follow after you all the days of my life. You have called me to Yourself with cords of love which have overtaken me. Your friendship is sweeter than anything this world has to offer.

In Jesus name I pray"