



Friendship With God - Slave vs. Friend Mentality

More than ANYTHING: performance, following a set of rules, seeking to perfect our faith life, whatever, Jesus wants to live in friendship with us...FIRST and FOREMOST. Don't get me wrong, seeking to build a foundation of faith with these things included is really, really good, BUT - I truly believe that the GREATEST FOUNDATION of our faith is built on the love of God we experience in friendship with Jesus. So, therefore, I believe "A more meaningful faith is operating out of a friendship with God - not out of performance to or for God." We see this first-hand in the friendship that Moses had with God in today's LifeGroup text.

LOOKING BACK:

FAMILY TIME (25 min)

- Vision Statement: Explain the vision of lifegroup.
- Intro Question: What's been exciting about this quarantine season for you? - Or - What's been difficult/challenging?
- Praise Reports and Prayer Requests - Share one of your facetime or one encounter with Jesus this past week that you were really thankful for or encouraged by. What do you need prayer for this upcoming week?

LOOKING UP:

WORSHIP (20 min)

- Spend time in worship together.
- Some possible song suggestions:

Simple Gospel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcJV7j5D3PU> [6 min]

Run To The Father - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTHS4W1bPj8> [9 min]

Met By Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hx2P2OT6jFA> [5 min]

BIBLE STUDY (20 min)

Exodus 32:7-14 (NLT)...

7 The Lord told Moses, "Quick! Go down the mountain! Your people whom you brought from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. 8 How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted down gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it. They are saying, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

9 Then the Lord said, "I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. 10 Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation."

11 But Moses tried to pacify the Lord his God. "O Lord!" he said. "Why are you so angry with your own people whom you brought from the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand? 12 Why let the Egyptians say, 'Their God rescued them with the evil intention of slaughtering them in the mountains and wiping them from the face of the earth'? Turn away from your fierce anger. Change your mind about this terrible disaster you have threatened against your people! 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.[a] You bound yourself with an oath to them, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven. And I will give them all of this land that I have promised to your descendants, and they will possess it forever.'"

14 So the Lord changed his mind about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people.

Include questions - could be guided questions or could be DBS questions

- 1) What strikes you from this passage?
- 2) What do you learn about people?
- 3) What do you learn about God?

- 4) What aspect of Moses' friendship with God is appealing to you? Is there any part of their deep friendship that you are surprised by?

LOOKING FORWARD (20-30 minutes)

Prayer Journaling exercise -

Take some time to ask God, "God, how do you want to enter into deeper friendship with me?" As you feel God speaking or sharing thoughts with you on what this might look like, begin writing them down. Share with each other, but also, encourage your LG members to continue processing what they have heard from the Lord throughout the week. Also encourage them to spend time in God's presence this week and envision them for what that may look like.

KIDS' LESSON SUGGESTION:

Get Your paper, pens, markers ready! We're going to take some time with our kids and ask them these questions -

Who is your best friend? Why?

-Have them draw them and their best friend!

What does friendship mean to you?

-Have them draw out what they are expressing

Why is it important to have friends?

-This can just be a talking piece as you navigate with them through the importance of community and having trustworthy companions. This includes Jesus as well as our friends we see everyday.