

# "You Are My Friends"

## John 15: 13-17

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### Outline

<sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

### Introduction

#### I. Why Do We Need Friends?

*"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love." (vs. 9)*

*"I have called you friends." (vs. 15)*

#### II. How Do We Know If We Are Friends with God and Others?

##### Two Marks of a Friend

A friend is someone who always lets you in and never lets you down.

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John 14 *"will be in you."*(14:17)

*"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:20

*"When my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the Rock that is higher than I."* Psalm 61:2

*"...the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people."* Colossians 1:25–26