



Sermon Notes
Sermon Title: What About Your Friends

Sermon Foundational Scripture: John 15:12–15 (NIV) — **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** 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.

Sticky Statements:

- ⇒ Culture's Way: Culture's way is characterized by toxic loyalty or unreliability.
- ⇒ Church's Way: Church's way is characterized by underestimation or over-Spiritualization.
- ⇒ King's Way: The King's way is characterized by goodness and growth.
- ⇒ Very often we fail to realize that you can't fix everyone's dysfunction, but you can fix your discernment.
- ⇒ Friendship for the Christian isn't casual, it's covenantal.
- ⇒ Covenantal friendship is a binding commitment sealed by promise, often accompanied by cost, and characterized by consistency regardless of changing circumstances.

Supporting Scriptures:

- ⇒ 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)
- ⇒ Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)
- ⇒ Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)
- ⇒ Matthew 26:50 (NIV)
- ⇒ Isaiah 41:8 (NIV)
- ⇒ Exodus 33:11 (NIV)
- ⇒ Proverbs 27:6 (NIV)
- ⇒ John 15:13 (NIV)
- ⇒ Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)
- ⇒ John 15:14 (NIV)
- ⇒ John 15:15 (NIV)

Six Qualities A Friend Demonstrates:

1. Honor that is willing to say hard things.
2. A heart that is willing to sacrifice.
3. Humility that can handle instruction.
4. Heat tested character that can be trusted.
5. Honor for your responsibilities outside the friendship.
6. A head that can handle exposure to what others don't get.