

“He Calls Me Friend”

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Genesis 2:18 - “It is not good for the man to be alone.”

“To be loved by God is the highest relationship, the highest achievement, and the highest position in life.”
- Henry Blackaby

John 15:15 (Emphasis added) - “I no longer call you servants. . . Instead, I call you my FRIENDS.”

Hosea 6:6 (Emphasis added) – “I want FAITHFUL LOVE more than I want sacrifices. I want people to KNOW ME more than I want burnt offerings.”

1. Make knowing God our _____ .

Jeremiah 29:13 - “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Philippians 3:7-8 (Emphasis added) - “Those things were important to me, but now I think they are worth nothing because of Christ. ⁸Not only those things, but I think that all things are worth nothing compared with the greatness of KNOWING Christ Jesus my Lord.”

James 4:8 (NKJV) - “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

Exodus 34:14 (Emphasis added) – “Don’t worship any other god, because I, the Lord, the JEALOUS ONE, am a jealous God.”

2. Decide whose friendship we _____ .

I Timothy 6:20-21 - "Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

TLB - "... Some people have missed the most important thing in life - they don't know God!"

James 4:4 - "Don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

3. Trust God in _____ .

Psalms 55:22 - "Cast all your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken."

Psalms 34:18 - "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Romans 5:10-11 (NCV) - "While we were God's enemies, he made us his friends through the death of his Son. Surely, now that we are his friends, he will save us through his Son's life. ¹¹ And not only that, but now we are also very happy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we are now God's friends again."