

The Friend that Makes Friendships Possible

Session 2 - Talk 1

If you want lasting, satisfying relationships . . .

The Christian faith says you need the Friend that makes friendships possible!

What was the friendship at the center of David & Jonathan that knit their hearts to each other?

Proverbs 18:24 says, “A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

The Basis of Quality Friendships

The Friend that makes Friendships Possible

Jesus is that
Friend that
sticks closer
than a brother!

He lets you in,
but never lets
you down!

Would you like
a friend like
that?

What does it look
like to have Jesus
enable you to be a
friend like that to
others, and have
friends like that?

The Trinity
-Three
Persons, One
God

Father

Son

Holy
Spirit

"God is Love"
(1 John 4:8)
God is an eternal
friendship

At the base of
reality, which is
God Himself, is
relationships!

Human Beings - God made
human beings in His image
*"So God created man in his
own image, in the image of
God he created him; male
and female he created them."*
(Genesis 1:27)

Why is friendship so important?

Why is friendship so important? – The Garden

Because Adam was perfect when God created him, it wasn't good for him to be alone.

God made human beings to be in relationships

“Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.’” (Genesis 2:18)

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The “Two-Pole” Problem:

We need
people
too **much**

- Our “love” is a form of fear
- Not wanting to be alone

We need
people
too **little**

- Our “love” is a form of fear
- Protect ourselves from hurt

The “Two-Pole” Problem:

We
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much

- Leads to co-dependency

We
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- Reject others before they reject you
- Fear burnout
- **We were made to love people and use things, BUT we love things and use people.**

If secure in
relationship
with Jesus,
we possess
the love
that sets us
free!

How does a
friendship with
Jesus help me have
quality friendships?

Security in One who
meets our needs –
unlimited
Can afford to give without
fear of loss
Can need people without
making people ultimate

Tim Keller: “Treat
anything but God as
god, you will ruin it,
and it will ruin you.”

Only in our friendship with Jesus
do we find One who sticks closer
than a brother, One who loves us
by coming in and will never let us
down. If we attempt to have
anyone else as our ultimate close
friend, the friendship will let us
down, and we will let that
friendship down.

***Friendship with Jesus is the
friendship that makes
friendships possible!***