

# EXTREME FAITH

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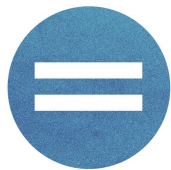
## FRIENDSHIP

### FRIENDS, FRIENDSHIP...

#### WHY DO WE HAVE FRIENDSHIPS?

Here's a wild thought: God created you to have friends. And friendship it self is something God thought up first. See, God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all God, right? (We know this can be confusing, but stick with us.) We call that "the Trinity" the three different "persons of God" who are still one. Don't sweat it if that doesn't make sense to you. Just get this: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all exist together in community like an intense, committed friendship. So when God says in the Bible that we're made in his image (Genesis 1:26-27) which just means we, in the deepest parts of who we are, share some similarities with the God who created us then we must have that deep friendship thing built into us. You could say we're "wired" for friendship or we have the "programming" for friendship. But it's up to us to use it. Think about this, too God created everything that exists. Actually, first God thought of it, and then God created it. Laughter? Yup, God thought it up, and then created it. Palm trees? Yup, God thought them up, and then created them. Iguanas? Same thing. Families? Check. Friendship? I bet you can see where this is going. God created all the things that make us, us. We have to live in this area of life and then we will be all that we every wanted to be. So, when you think about friendship, and when you think about how you can be a better friend, and when you try to be a great friend or to make new friends, you're moving closer and closer to who God created you to be! We were meant to have friendship and dig deeper into becoming the person God created us to be.

FRIENDSHIP



FRIENDSHIP IS A RELATIONSHIP  
OF MUTUAL AFFECTION  
BETWEEN TWO OR MORE  
PEOPLE.

FRIENDSHIP IS A STRONGER  
FORM OF INTERPERSONAL  
BOND THAN AN ASSOCIATION.

*Would You Rather....  
...Have a cell phone or a computer?*

*...watch a movie at home or in a theater?*

*...do nothing alone or do nothing with friends?*

### CHARACTER

#### EXTREME ENCOUNTERS...

Every day our character is on the line... Who are your friends, and why are they your friends? What does the type of person you are say about the friends that you have? Our character is who we are and what shapes us to be the person that we were made to be. If we depend upon God then we have to allow Him to shape and form our character... They say that character is defined by what you do when nobody is watching you. So who are you when you are completely alone? Who are you when you are with your friends? To be a good friend we should be the friend that we want to have in our lives to others. Our character should be that we will do to our friends what we would want our friends to do to us. It is quite simple. Think about your friends, and think about your character this week. Ask your friends why they are your friends and ask them if they think you are a good friend. Friendships can be complicated and difficult at times, that is why we want to always improve and develop our character to lead the way in friendships and in life...

# THINK... DIG IN

Proverbs 18:24

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

How do you define friendship?

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How does your best friend define friendship?

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Do you think that God designed us to have friendships?

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Read Proverbs 18:24 and ask who are you this kind of friend to, and who is this kind of friend to you?

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In your own words what is Proverbs 18:24 saying?

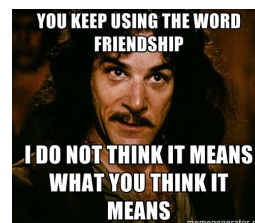
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