

A True Friend

John 15:1-13
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- Jesus Christ came to this earth and established friendships.
- What did Jesus teach us to look for in a true friend?

First, a true friend wants to spend _____ with you.

- *“Behold, I (Jesus) stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”*
Revelation 3:20
- *“...I (Jesus) am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”* **John 10:10**
- The Christian life is about a _____-giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Second, a true friend _____ you unconditionally.

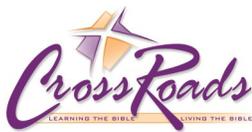
- Christ loved His friends even after they _____.
- *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”* **Romans 8:35, 37**

- *“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
Romans 8:38-39

Third, a true friend will sacrifice for you.

- *“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he (Jesus) laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”* **1 John 3:16**
- *“Who (Jesus) died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.”*
1 Thessalonians 5:10
- *“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for _____, then were all dead: and that he died for _____, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.”* **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

- A true friend will bring out the best in you.
- When you accept Jesus Christ into your heart and life, He begins to _____ you from the inside out. He brings out the best in you.



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