

# Sister Talk: Resuscitate Your Faith

## Going Deeper — Week 23: A Friend's Love

### **Memory Verse:**

Greater love has no one than  
this, that someone lay down  
his life for his friends...

John 15:13

**Gratitude:** *There is no better way to remember who you are... whose you are... than to give thanks. Write down things you are thankful for this week.*

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### ***This Week's Spiritual Discipline***

Throughout our faith journeys we have practiced a variety of spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are simply habits or activities we exercise to help us grow in faith. Each week we will make a suggestion for you to try.

#### **A Friendship Colloquy**

A colloquy is basically a conversation or dialogue. So is prayer, a conversation between us and God. Sometimes in conversations we tend to do all the talking. It happens in prayer too.

Consider having a conversation, a colloquy, with Jesus. The point of the exercise is to begin to view prayer as a conversation between you and God. We often pray hoping God will speak to us in return, and then we are often surprised if and when He does. The very definition of a conversation has a give and receive understanding at its core.

Attached you will find a prayer journal page with space for your prayer and God's response. It may seem weird at first. After you record your prayer, simply write the thoughts you have next.

Once you've finished let it sit for a day or two, then review your conversation with God. What sticks out, does it line up with God's Word? What did you learn?

## *A Friend's Love*

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 1</i></p> <p>One of the important things we come to realize when we discuss the love of friends, is we choose them.</p> <p>We don't necessarily get to choose our family, but those we call friends are people we choose to hang out with and talk on the phone to. They are people we have affection for and generally like being around.</p> <p>Consider your closest friends. Make a list of the characteristics or qualities you like about them.</p> <p><b>Read John 15:12-15</b></p> <p>What great love is described in the verses?</p> <p>Who does Jesus call friend?</p> <p>Have you considered Jesus chose you as His friend? Why or why not?</p> <p>Jesus wants to be your friend, not because He has to, but because He is very fond of you.</p> <p>Respond to His friendship in prayer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 4</i></p> <p><b>Read 1 Samuel 20:18-34</b></p> <p>How did Saul respond when He discovered Jonathan allowed David to go?</p> <p>What two reasons does verse 34 give for Jonathan's anger?</p> <p><b>Read Luke 23:34</b></p> <p>Jesus grieved over us until He took His final breath.</p> <p><b>Read Luke 23:44-46</b></p> <p>Unlike Jonathan who dodged His father's spear, Jesus did not. Instead He willingly took the punishment for our sins. He endured pain and separation from the Father, so we wouldn't have to. What a friend we have in Jesus!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 2</i></p> <p><b>Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4</b></p> <p>How do these verses describe the friendship between Jonathan and David?</p> <p>What did Jonathan do to show his love for David?</p> <p>The ESV says Jonathan's soul was knit to the soul of David.</p> <p><b>Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21</b></p> <p>According to Webster's reconcile means to restore to friendship.</p> <p>Jesus' death on the cross literally restored our friendship with God. It made a way for our souls to be knit together with God's just like He intended from the beginning when He walked and talked to Adam in the garden.</p> <p><b>Read verse 17 once more.</b></p> <p>What does our friendship with Christ do in us? Consider the ways He's made you new.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 5</i></p> <p><b>Write this week's memory verse found in John 15:13.</b></p> <p>Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice, that we might become friends of God. Without Him there is no friendship.</p> <p><b>Read John 15:12</b></p> <p>What command does Jesus give?</p> <p><b>Read Matthew 22:36-40</b></p> <p>What did Jesus say the most important commandments is?</p> <p>Being God's friend means loving Him more and loving others more.</p> <p>In what ways could you love God more? How about loving others more?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day 3</i></p> <p><b>Read 1 Samuel 19:1-7</b></p> <p>Saul was angry with David. How did Jonathan respond?</p> <p>Jonathan, the king's son, was willing to speak to his father on David's behalf. Saul listened to Jonathan and changed his mind.</p> <p><b>Read Romans 8:31-34</b></p> <p>Where is Jesus today? What is He doing on our behalf?</p> <p>Imagine Jesus, like Jonathan, standing in the Father's presence and speaking on your behalf.</p> <p>What would Jesus say? Thank Him for His intercession.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Want to learn more?</i></p> <p><b>Sister Talk: Going Deeper</b> is an extension of <b>Sister Talk: Resuscitate Your Faith</b>. You can find more on <b>A Friend's Love</b> by going to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SisterTalkFaith.com</b></p> <p>Scroll to the bottom and search <b>Week 5/Day 3: Love</b> to review more information on a friend's love.</p> <p>Sign up to receive blog posts by e-mail and each day's lesson will come straight to your inbox.</p> <p>Follow us on <b>Instagram</b> for encouragement along the journey at <b>sistertalkfaith</b>.</p>