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## ABIDING IN CHRIST: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER JOHN 15:12-17

### Christ's relationship with believers. John 15:12-16

- He sacrificed for **us**. John 15:12-13; 10:11, 15, 17-18; 1 Pet. 2:21-25; 1 John 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:21
- He called us **friends**. John 15:13-15; 2 Chr. 20:7; James 2:23; Ex. 32:30; 33:11; John 8:32; 10:23-24; Matt. 13:10-11; 1 Cor. 2:12-16; Matt. 13:11; Eph. 6:19; 1 Cor. 15:51; Eph. 1:9
- He takes the initiative to **call** us. John 15:16; 6:70; 13:12; 15:19; Rom. 5:6-10; John 6:44-45; 3:16

### Our relationship with Christ. John 15:12, 14-17

- To **accept** His call on our lives. John 15:16; Mark 1:14-20; Luke 7:37-50; John 8:1-11; 4:28-30; Luke 19:1-10
- To **obey** His Word. John 15:12; 14, 16-17; Luke 9:23; John 13:34-35; 14:15, 21, 23

### Our relationship with one another. John 15:12, 14-17

- To **love** one another. John 15:12, 17; 13:34-35; 1 John 3:23; 2 John 5
- To **sacrifice** for one another. John 15:12, 17; 1 John 3:16; 1 Thess. 2:8; Phil. 2:17; Eph. 5:15-16; 1 Cor. 12:7, 11; 1 Pet. 4:10; 2 Cor. 8:1-5
- To be **friends** to one another. John 15:14-16; 17:11, 20, 23; 1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 4:6; Rom. 12:10; Gal. 6:2; 1 Thess. 5:11, 13, 15

“Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: ‘What! You too? I thought I was the only one.’” — C.S. Lewis

“A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow.” – William Shakespeare

“I think if I’ve learned anything about friendship, it’s to hang in, stay connected, fight for them, and let them fight for you. Don’t walk away, don’t be distracted, don’t be too busy or tired, don’t take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together. Powerful stuff.” – Jon Katz

“The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, not the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with a friendship.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson