



# A Better Story

Thoughtfully Sharing Christ

Week 5: Friendship

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## John 15:12-17

<sup>12</sup> “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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## John 15:12-17

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.

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## John 15:12-17

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing;

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## **John 15:12-17**

but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

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## John 15:12-17

<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide,

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## **John 15:12-17**

so that whatever you ask the Father  
in my name, he may give it to you.

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## **John 15:12-17**

<sup>17</sup> These things I command you,  
so that you will love one another.

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The necessity of friendship:  
**friendship is commanded**

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A requirement for friendship:  
**vulnerability**

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The choice of friendship:  
**we can decide to initiate**

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# The power for friendship: Jesus' acceptance of us

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