

## “God’s Friendship Versus Human Friendships”

There are many popular sayings about human friendships. Let us compare several of these sayings with what the Bible says about God’s friendship.

1. “Friends know all about \_\_\_\_\_.”

- **1 Samuel 16:7**

2. “A true friend is \_\_\_\_\_.”

- God’s friendship is forever:
  - God says He will never leave us nor forsake us:
    - **Deuteronomy 31:6**
    - **Joshua 1:5**
    - **Hebrews 13:5**
  - There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God.
    - **Romans 8:35-39**
  - God lives within our hearts:
    - **Proverbs 18:24**
    - **John 1:9**
    - **2 Corinthians 3:3**

3. “\_\_\_\_\_ is thicker than water.”

- God’s friendship is stronger than family ties or earthly friendships.
  - **NOTE: We are NOT part of God’s family through creation!**
  - **John 1:12**
  - **We are ADOPTED as sons!**
  - **Romans 8:14-17**
  - **Galatians 4:4-7**

4. “A friend in \_\_\_\_\_ is a friend indeed.”

- God’s friendship is available for every kind of need.
  - **Psalm 23:2, 4**
  - **Isaiah 65:24**
  - **Daniel 10:12**
  - **Luke 12:29-30**
  - **Philippians 4:**

5. “Friends are \_\_\_\_\_ that attract \_\_\_\_\_.”

- God has a far greater capacity to integrate people in His love and fellowship!
- Now, it is important for us to remember that though we were originally made in the image of God; since the fall of Adam, we are unlike God in that we are sinful.  
**But...it is also very important that we remember that...**
- **God is still our friend, for the Bible says...**
  - **Romans 5:8**
  - **John 15:13** – [Jesus said] “*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*”
- **Do YOU know God as YOUR Friend?**