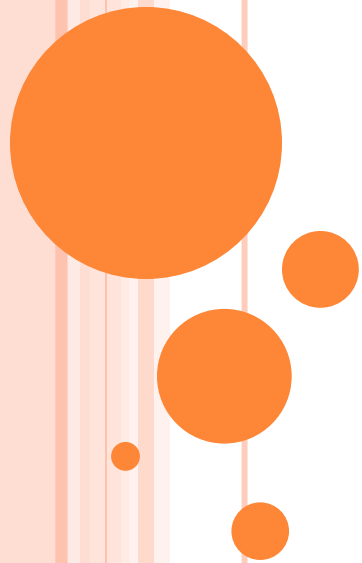
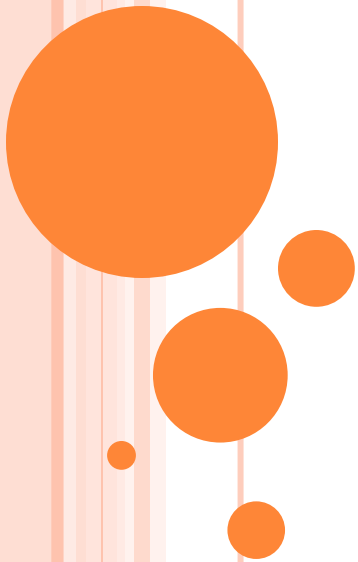


A VERY CLOSE FRIEND



WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grief's to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!**



WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged,

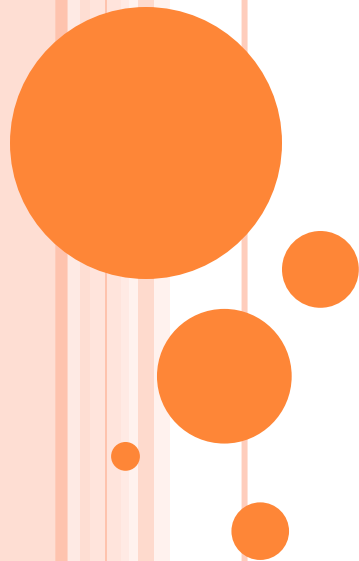
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

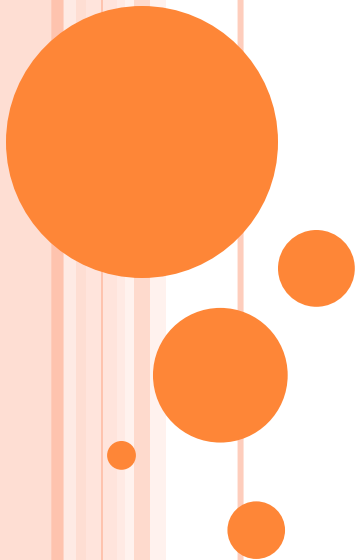


WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge-
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer,
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

A FRIENDLY PERSON IS SOMEONE WHO IS:

- friendly,
- outgoing,
- kind,
- a people-helper,
- definitely not someone who is competitive,
- or selfish.



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**“All my intimate friends detest me,
those I love have turned against me.”**

Job 19:19

**“Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are
upon her cheeks. Among all her
lovers there is none to comfort her.
All her friends have betrayed her; they
have become her enemies.”** Lamentations 1:2

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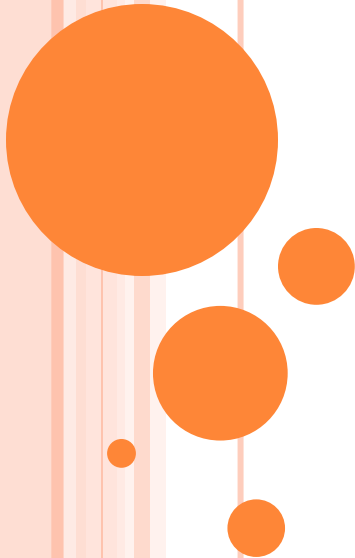
“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

Proverbs 17:17

“ . . . To my dear friend Gaius . . . ”

“¹⁴I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings . . . ”

3 John



THE WORD 'FRIEND' IS:

- a term of endearment.
- a term expressing comradeship.

A friend is a companion, a partner in life.

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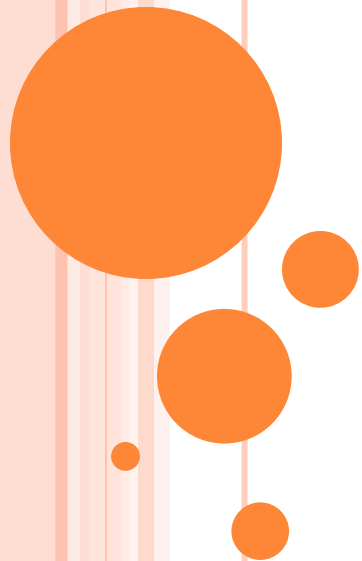
- dependable,
- is safe,
- is trustworthy,
- and is someone who is dear as one's own soul.

A friend is someone a person likes and chooses to spend time with.

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“You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God’s friend.’”

James 2:22, 23



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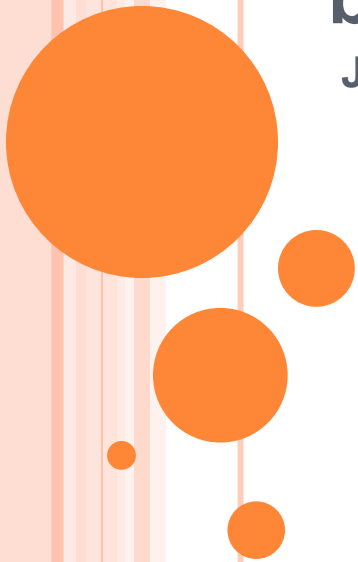
“After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father’s house. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow, and his belt.”

1 Samuel 18:1-4

A CONTRAST — BAD FRIENDSHIP

“You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”

James 4:4



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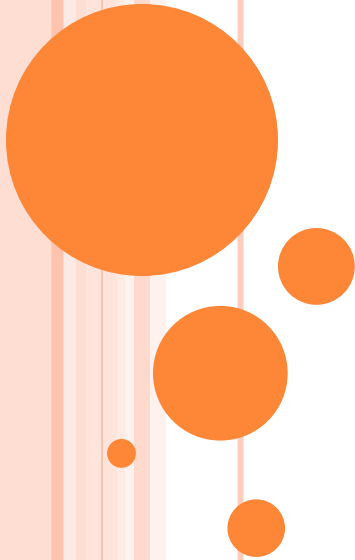
“¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For everything in the world – *the* **cravings of sinful man**, *the* **lust of the eyes** and *the* **boasting of what he has and does** – comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”

1 John 2:15-17

WARNING

“Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

Romans 13:14



WHAT A FRIEND . . .

