

CrossRoads Community Church
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of April 11, 2021

“Enter In...”

Part 7: “...To Friendship,” James 2:23, John 15: 13-15

Now that we’ve celebrated Resurrection Sunday, we continue on in the light of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection to acknowledge all that He did for us. His death on the cross opened the way for us to have a personal relationship with God, symbolized when the veil in the temple was torn in two, opening up a way to enter the Holy of Holies and the very presence of God.

TODAY’S TRUTH: Accepting God’s invitation to “Enter In” to a relationship with Him personally means we are reconciled to Him.

This new relationship is based on His love for us, to the point that He calls us His friends.

FRIEND: *phílos*

– a friend; someone *dearly* loved (prized) in a personal, intimate way; a trusted *confidant*, held dear in a close bond of personal affection.

Note: The root (*phil-*) conveys *experiential, personal* affection

1. OBVIOUS BELIEF - TRUST

“And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. And he was called the friend of God.’ Philippians 3:17

- ***Take God at His Word- Matthew 4:4***
- ***Talk to God about His Way- Exodus 33:11-14***

2. OBEDIENT BOND - TRACKING

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you.” John 15: 13-14

- ***Ultimate Sacrifice- 1 John 3:16***
- ***Unending Service- John 14:23***

3. OPEN BOOK - TRANSPARENCY

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” John 15: 15

- ***Redefining the Relationship - John 8: 34-36***
- ***Responding in Revelation - Psalm 32:5***

CONCLUSION

When we think of entering in to the Holy of Holies, we think of being in awe, in holy reverence bowing to Almighty God who made us and is all-powerful and righteous before us! However, He also calls us “friend,” and desires for us to know Him, and love Him, and serve Him. Is He your friend? If so, have you told others about this wonderful friend?