

Friendships

Part 1

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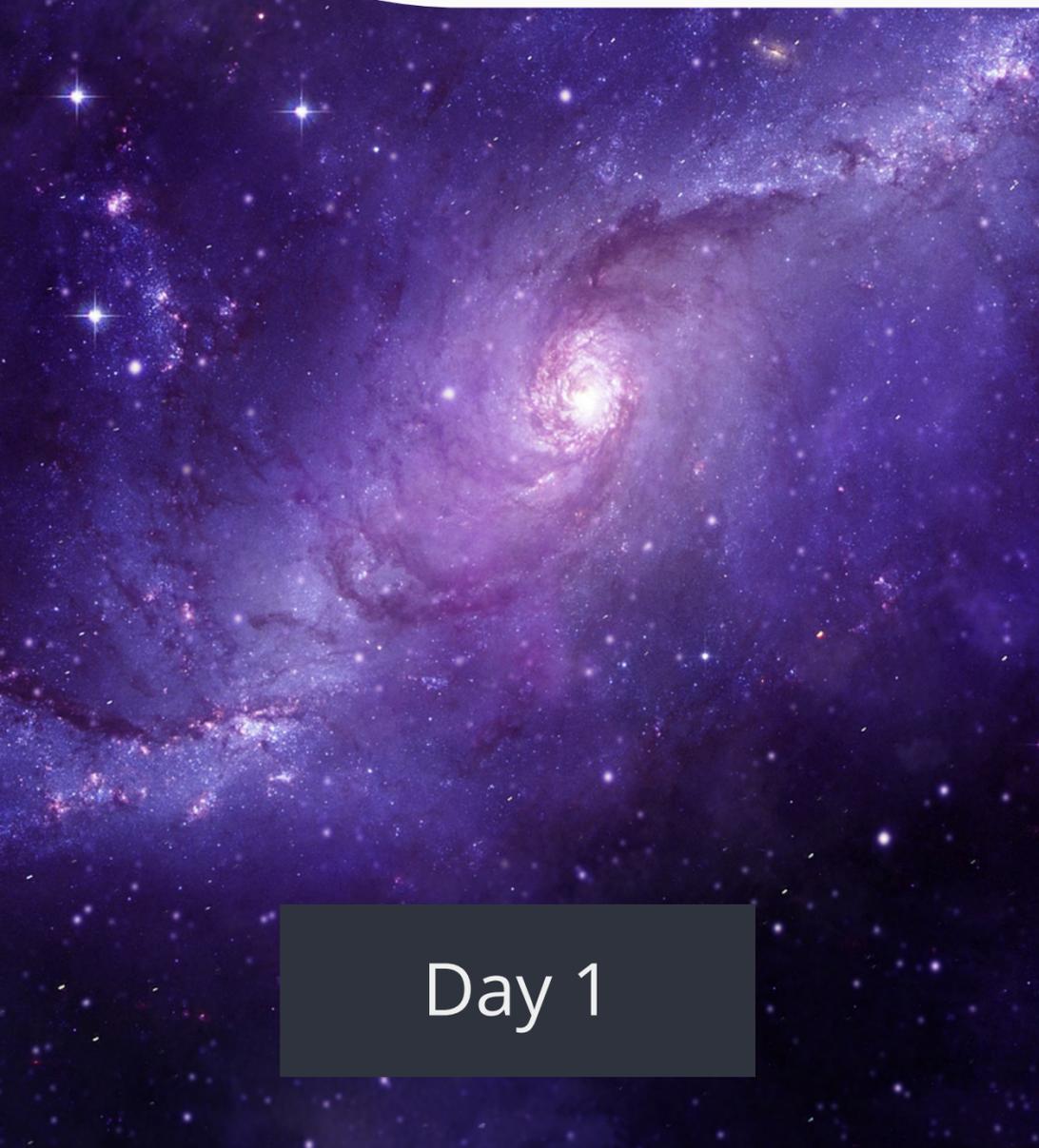


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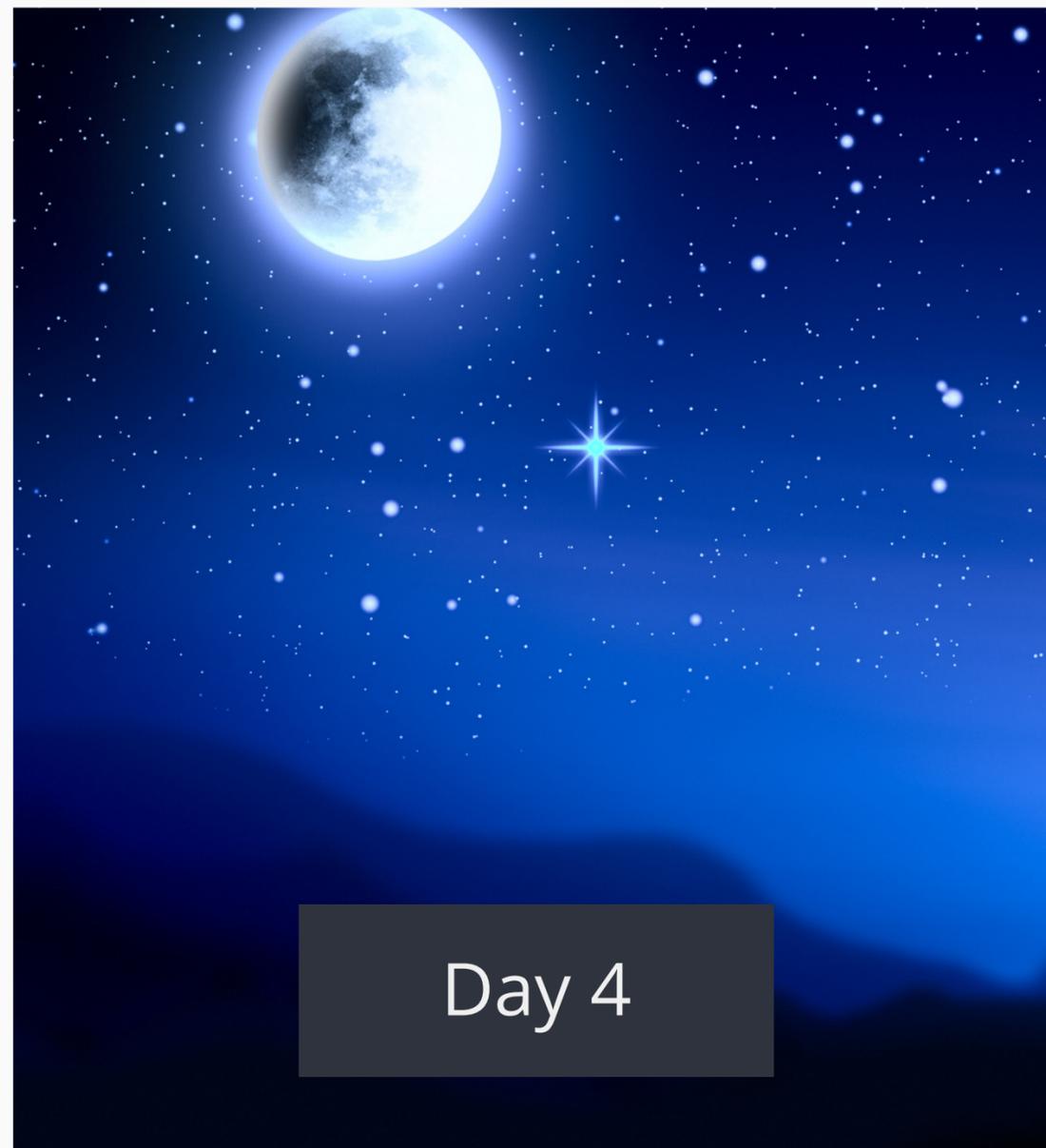
Is Friendship With God Possible?

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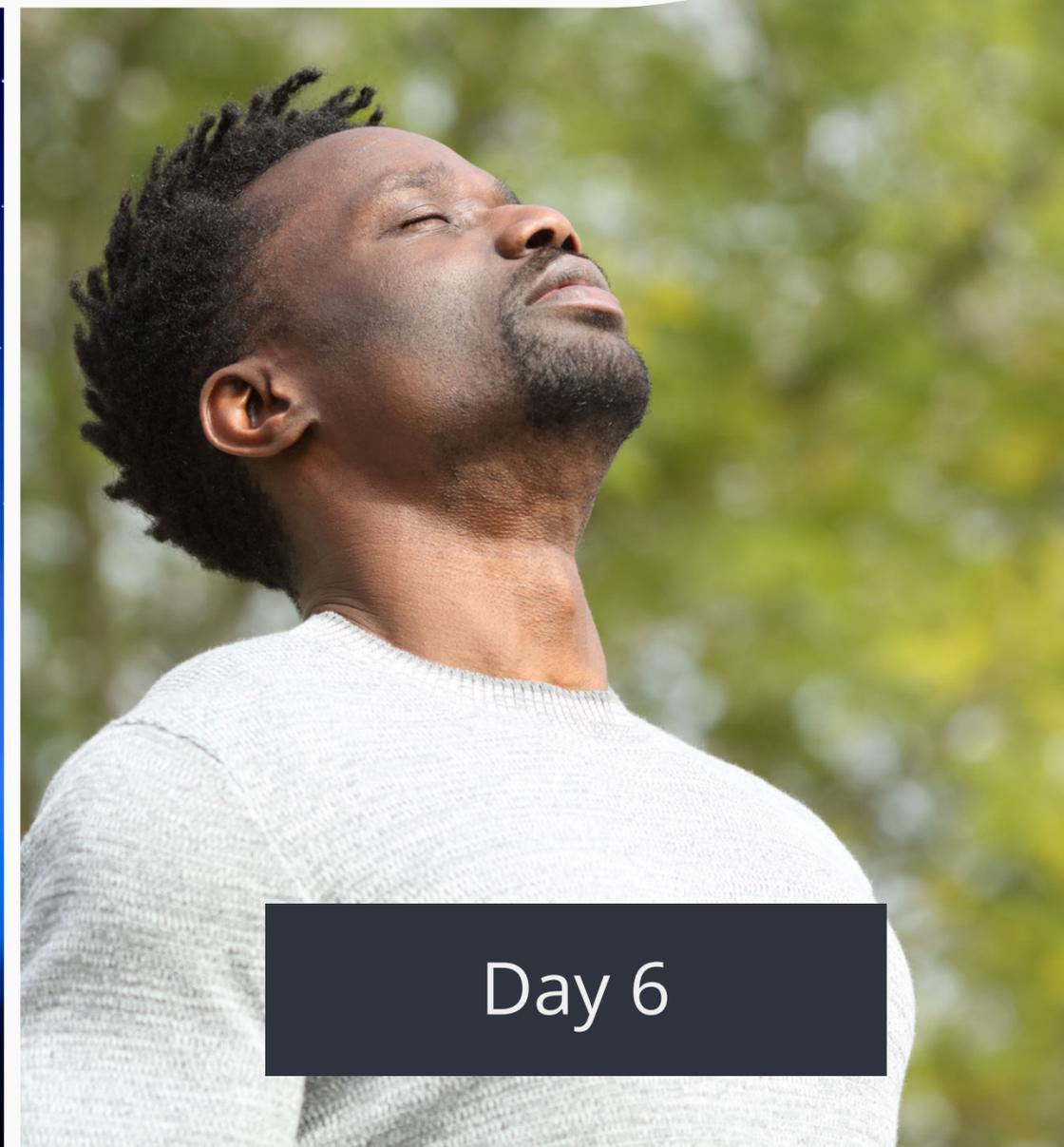
Created to Connect



Day 1



Day 4



Day 6



Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.



Genesis 2

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. **20** So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.



Created to connect with God



Created to have primary relationships



Created to connect with others

**Relationships
require effort**





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Romans 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Ephesians 4

2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

3 reasons why we are not good with relationships



1. We are selfish by nature



2. Sin wrecks relationships



3. We don't think God is a primary relationship



James 4:4

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.



Romans 12

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**God doesn't
waste His words**





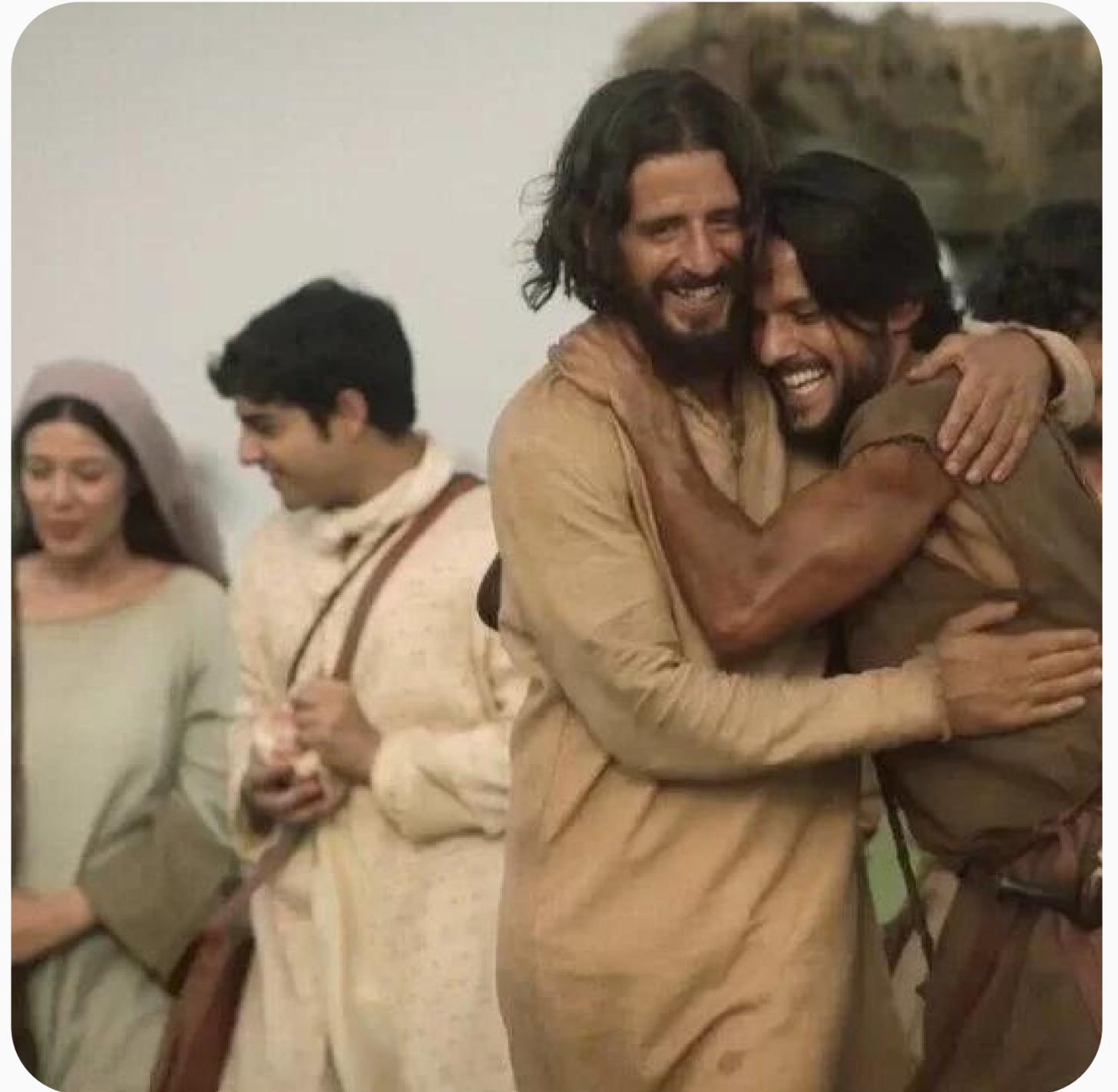
Matthew 3:17

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Luke 9:35

"This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

**Not just servants
but friends**





Jesus said in **John 15**

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

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Friendship With God Is Possible

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James 2:23 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.

How can we be called a friend of God?

Have you been a good friend to Jesus?

Take some time to pray together.