

## **FRIENDING OTHERS**

### *GOD FRIENDED ME #4*

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*“Now that we have actually received this amazing friendship with God, we are no longer content to simply say it in plodding prose. We sing and shout our praises to God through Jesus, the Messiah!” (Romans 5:11, Message)*

#### **1. REACH OUT.**

*“Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!”  
(Luke 6:31, Message)*

#### **2. BE GENUINE.**

*“This is what we are proud of, and I can say it with a clear conscience: In everything we have done in the world, and especially with you, we have had an honest and sincere heart from God.” (2 Corinthians 1:12a, NCV)*

#### **3. BE COMMITTED.**

*“I didn’t take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I’ve become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life.” (1 Corinthians 9:22, Message)*

#### **4. LOVE LIKE JESUS.**

*“Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.”*  
(Ephesians 5:1–2, Message)

*“If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person?”*  
(1 John 3:17, NLT)

- a. Accept them.
- b. Affirm them
- c. Assist them.
- d. Love is something you do.

*“We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.”* (1 Thessalonians 2:8, NLT)

#### **5. BE ATTENTIVE, FOCUS.**

*“We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord.”*  
(Romans 15:2, NLT)

#### **6. HAVE FAITH THAT GOD WILL USE YOU.**

*“And don’t worry about what you’ll say or how you’ll say it. The right words will be there; the Spirit of your Father will supply the words.”*  
(Matthew 10:19–20, Message)

## GROWTHWORK

1. INVITE SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT TO OUR NEW SERIES – POWER.
  - a. THE POWER OF HABIT
  - b. THE POWER OF EXAMPLE
  - c. THE POWER OF PRESENTATION
  - d. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
2. ATTEND MIDWEEK SERVICE.
3. PRAY FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

*“I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.”*

(Philippians 1:9–11, NLT)

- a. Your love will overflow more and more.
- b. You will grow in knowledge and understanding.
- c. Understand what really matters.
- d. Live pure and blameless loves until the day of Christ’s return.
- e. Your life will bring much glory and praise to God by your righteous character.