

# The Friends of Jesus

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## Greater Purpose

[Exodus 4:13](#)

Following God's call for you life will be different than your direction for your life.

**You were set apart by Jesus for a purpose greater than what you could imagine.**

## Friend of Jesus

[John 15:14-15](#)

The Bible talks quite a bit about friendship:

[Prov 18:24](#)

[1 Sam 18](#) David and Jonathan become friends

Only two other places in scripture is someone referred to as a friend of God.

Abraham ([Isa 41:8](#), [2 Chron 20:7](#), [James 2:23](#))

Moses ([Exodus 33:11](#))

What Jesus teaches is relational capital not just obligatory obedience.

**We get so obsessed with what we do be forgot that our defining characteristic is who we belong to.**

## Set Aside

[John 15:16](#)

ἐκλέγομαι - Chosen/Set Aside

**Your value is defined by Jesus, who thought you were so important he entrusted you with the message of salvation.**

## Identity of Love

[John 15:17](#)

**Jesus gives us an identity of love.**

Jesus didn't give us an identity of being right all the time. He didn't give us an identity of judgement, or self-righteousness.