

Covenant Series
Covenant Friendships
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“Is any pleasure on Earth as great as a circle of Christian friends by a fire?”

- C.S. Lewis

- Statement: Most friendships fail because we don't have a strong enough **COMMITMENT** to the relationship
- Goal: Raise the commitment level from **CONVENIENCE** to **COVENANT**

I. Three Levels of Friendship

1. **SURFACE** friendships
2. **STRUCTURED** friendships
3. **SOLID** and **SECURE** friendships

II. The Bible Teaches....

1. **FEW** friends are true friends - Proverbs 18:24; Proverbs 17:17a
2. Friends will speak **TRUTH** to you - Proverbs 27:6
3. Friends **REFRESH** us - Proverb 27:9b NIV *Adding or subtracting
4. Friends **SHARPEN** one another - Proverbs 27:17
 - The Law of Magnetism - Who you **ARE** is who you **ATTRACT**

III. Covenant Friendships

1. Being the **RIGHT** person
 - Who we **ARE** determines how we see **OTHERS**
2. Committing **TIME** and **ENERGY**
 - All relationships need **CULTIVATION**/ a choice

IV. God's Desire for Your Life

1. He wants you to have **FRIENDSHIPS** with others - Hebrews 10:25
2. He wants you to have a **RELATIONSHIP** with Him - John 15:15-17