

GOD WANTS YOU TO BE HIS FRIEND

People can be fans of a lot of different things, like sports teams, bands, or individuals.

There are 4 types of fans with varying levels of commitment, the highest level being the “diehard fan.”

Of course the diehard fan is a fan that remains a fan no matter what happens.

Some people are fans of God at various levels, but God is not really looking for fans.

God is looking for friends.

In the old testament, the only person who was referred to as a friend of God was Abraham.

Abraham had many experiences with God including nearly sacrificing his son Isaac, which was a foreshadowing of what God would do for us through Jesus.

1. God wants you to share your experiences with Him.

Friends become friends by sharing experiences together.

We can share experiences with God through prayer.

We can end up learning wrong lessons when we are prayer-less, when we go through experiences without God.

We need God to help us process our experiences, so that we draw right conclusions.

What God says, always, always, always lines up with His word in the scriptures.

2. Share your burdens with the Lord.

Friends share burdens with each other.

Even God shared His burden with Abraham, the feeling of sacrificing His son.

Do you know that God cares for you?

Satan wants to hinder or break your ability to receive the Love of God.

Satan wants you to think unhealthy thoughts about yourself, to reject yourself.

If you don't love yourself you won't be able to believe that God loves you.

Is there something today that prevents you from carrying your burdens to the Lord?

3. Share the cross with Jesus.

Share the cross by dying to your old selfish desires.

Then you can live to love other people as He does and to share in His life's mission.

Often times obedience will take you into Christ's burden.

Obedience will require you to die to self.

SCRIPTURE LIST

2 Chronicles 20:7

Isaiah 41:8

Genesis 22

John 8:56

John 15:14-17

Galatians 2:20-21

John 13:34