



What A Friend Designing Your Life (part 4)

Enjoy Communion

Exodus 33:7-23; John 15:9-15

Prepare

Have one person volunteer to read the scripture, John 15:9 and another one to pray. Before reading, take a moment in silence to quiet your mind and prepare yourself to hear the Word of God. Keep your eyes closed while you listen to the verse being read slowly three times. Listen to the words and pay attention to what stands out.

Now open your time together with a prayer.

OPEN

How would you describe the difference between an acquaintance and a friend?

Think of your friendships and share what you do to be a good friend.

DISCUSS

Read Exodus 33:7-23

The "Tent of Meeting" was what Moses called the space where he would commune with God. Why do you think this is of significance?

Describe how the people responded to the meetings between Moses and God.

Imagine a scripture was written about how you and I interact with God right now. How do you think future generations would receive it?

What stands out to you about the conversation between God and Moses? (John 33:12-23)

Share your thoughts on the approachability of God?

Do you think it's still possible to experience God in this intimate way?

Read John 15:9-15

Jesus calls us friends. How does He differentiate between a friend and a servant? (John 15:15)

What is Jesus asking us to do, and what do you think He means in verses 12-14?

Pray

Close your evening in prayer.

Father, as you have loved Jesus, so has He loved us. May we remain in your love and obey your commands. Help us love each other, as you have loved us. May we be willing to lay down our lives for our friends as your Son laid down His life for us. Father let us not forget that your son Jesus called us friends, and that everything He learned from you, He made known and available to all of us. Father, we ask that your presence will go with us, and give us rest, just like you did for Moses.

This prayer is based on Exodus 33:14 & John 15:9-13

NEXT STEPS

Examine your calendar and consider the last month. Are you "placing" God as a dear friend or as a servant?

Plan and schedule time to create a "Tent of Meeting" with our Lord and Savior.

Enter the "Tent" and sit with Him. Offer up your thanksgiving and joys.

Share your busyness and your challenges and ask God to help you become a better "friend".