



Covenants

(The secret to flourishing relationships)

Lesson 4: Covenant Friendships (March 21 & 22)

Are you a Covenant Friend?

Covenant Friendships are New Covenant

John 13:34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. **Just as I have loved you**, you should love each other. **35** Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." *New Living Translation*

Five Reasons why friendships end

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Wrongdoings

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, **as far as it depends on you**, live at peace with everyone. *New International Version*

Five Reasons Friendships End

Wrongdoings
Apathy

Proverbs 18:24 A man who has friends must himself be friendly... *New King James Version*

Five Reasons Friendships End

Wrongdoings
Apathy
Ruined

Proverbs 16:28 An evil man sows strife; **gossip separates the best of friends.** *The Living Bible*

Five Reasons Friendships End

Wrongdoings
Apathy
Ruined
Tainted

Titus 3:10 If anyone is causing divisions among you, he should be given a first and second warning. **After that have nothing more to do with him, 11** for such a person has a wrong sense of values. **He is sinning, and he knows it.** *The Living Bible*

Five Reasons Friendships End

Wrongdoings
Apathy
Ruined
Tainted
Surpassed

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. *New Living Translation*

Covenant Friends

- Faithful to you

Proverbs 18:24 ...But there is a friend *who* sticks **closer than** a brother. *New King James*

“A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out” ***Walter Winchell***

Covenant Friends

- Always love you

Proverbs 17:17 Friends **love through all kinds of weather,**... *Message Bible*

“A friend is one who knows you and loves you just the same” *Elbert Hubbard*

Covenant Friends

- Refresh you

Proverbs 27:9 ...a sweet friendship refreshes the soul. *Message Bible*

Covenant Friends

Challenge you

Proverbs 27:6 Wounds from a friend are better than kisses from an enemy! *The Living Bible*

Proverbs 27:17 You use steel to sharpen steel, and one friend sharpens another. *Message Bible*