

Daily devotions for
2019



Day 51
Looking at Life, part 3

What a friend we have in Jesus

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command."*

John 15:13-14

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my
yoke upon you
and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls."*

Matthew 11:28-29

Throughout my life, I have heard people say that they have lots of friends; a few have said that they have no friends. The latter declaration would always make me feel sad. It has led me to question myself, especially in recent times. "What kind of friend am I in the eyes of others?" "What do I expect from friendships?" I would say that I know a lot of people, or have many acquaintances, but who do I consider a true friend, and why? I'm sure we all try our best to be a good friend to others. We do anything we know how to in order to show we care. We act on what we know about and can see, if we can; after all we are their friend!

What if people act against us in any way? What if we feel betrayed by the people we trust? What do we do then? Whom do we turn to? Jesus, always Jesus! Jesus is our true and ultimate best friend. We can trust Jesus without question and put all our faith in Him! Jesus gave his life on the cross for you, and me, so that all our sins may be forgiven; past, present, and future! We can talk to Him anytime, day or night. We can talk to Jesus with joy, in deep sadness, and even in anger or frustration. Jesus never judges us, nor does he do anything to hurt us.

Jesus is totally trustworthy. Jesus came down to experience everything we experience; love, kindness, anger, betrayal, persecution, sadness, disappointment, confusion, etc., that He may understand our every emotion. Jesus is gentle, kind, compassionate and forgiving. Jesus doesn't only tell us what we want to hear or show us what we want to see. He corrects us because He loves us! Jesus is a friend like no other. His friendship is real; filled with understanding and grace. Talk to Jesus!

*What a friend we have in Jesus / All our sins and griefs to bear
And what a privilege to carry / Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit / Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry / Everything to God in prayer.*

Prayer

Thank you Jesus that you are my trusted friend. Help me to be a humble, kind,