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The Names of Love - Part 30 - Friend, Philos

John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Jesus is the greatest friend that anyone could ever have. Now, think for just a moment about the best friend you've ever had. What are some of the qualities that they have? Maybe you would say that they were there to encourage you. Maybe they were the one who always had your back. They were the one who overlooked your faults and saw your strengths. Now think about what those things mean multiplied by eternity; that's Jesus! He is the one Who loved you before you were very lovable. Rom. 5:6-8, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Jesus didn't just say that He loves you, He showed it. He proved it for eternity's sake. I'm so glad that I have a friend like that. Read these words from the old Hymn: "What A Friend We Have in 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
Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Proverbs 18:24, "One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

John 15:15, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his Master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you."

Dear Friend, Jesus. You are truly the Friend that sticks closer to me than anyone ever could. I can always count on You to be there when I call out to You. You are faithful. You are constant. The fact that You would take all of my sin upon Yourself and pay the price for me is beyond comprehension. You are the greatest friend that anyone could ever have. Thank You for loving me that much. In Jesus Name, Amen