

James 2:23
"Biblical Worldview of
Friendship"

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1. Introduction

- a. Pieces of life - similar to putting puzzle together
- b. Biblical world view
- c. What is Biblical friendship?
- d. Four Biblical principles in making friendship
- e. Start with friendship with God
- f. Abraham called "friend of God"
 - Abraham became child of God
 - Abraham became friend of God

2. All Friendships Based on Position

- a. Peer friends - same age
- b. Abraham's position
 - Gen 22:12 fear of the Lord
 - establish your position
 - * levels of authority
 - * occupy rightful position
 - * living your position
 - * God the Creator, person He created
- c. Relationships determined by position

3. Trust Determining Factor to Death of Friendship

- a. Scripture fulfilled
 - Abraham believed God
 - God counted that trust for righteousness
- b. Trustworthy
 - Dependability based on trustworthy
- c. Trust built over time
 - God made a covenant with Abraham
- d. Biblical marriage
 - covenant first with God
 - covenant with each other
 - earthly marriage more often seen as social & legal contract
 - * contracts based on distrust

4. Commitment to Friend's Good will
show strength of Commitment

a. 1 Sam 18 Jonathon sees David's fight
with Goliath

- soul brothers

- Jonathon makes covenant with David

- Jonathon put his robe (heir to the
king) on David

b. Friends are givers in the relationship

c. Commitment shows maturity

5. Quality of Friendship Based on
Mutual Openness

a. Listening heart

b. Honesty

c. Job's 3 friends

* "with friends like them, who needs
any enemies"

* they accused Job, but did not
listen to Job

d. Friends "sharpen" each other

- "iron sharpening iron"

e. Heb 10: 25 not forsaking assembly of
ourselves together

- provoke another to good works
in love

- exhorting each other

f. Biblical worldview brings Christian
to a decision