

# Word to the Wise: Friendship

**Life Steps** | November 17 & 18, 2018

## **Monday**

**Proverbs 18:24 | 27:6 | 17:17 | 12:26**

Journal your own definition of true friendship. Refer to your message notes as needed, Who are your true friends? Who of your "circumstantial" friends can you see possibly growing into true friendship? Pray for your true and circumstantial friends by name.

## **Tuesday**

**Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4**

Be realistic; identify people in your life who are most likely "seasonal friends." Identify anyone against which you hold negative emotions because they turned out to be seasonal and you thought they were "friends to the end." Journal what you enjoyed most about your relationship with them, pray for them and release them to God.

## **Wednesday**

**I Samuel 20**

What were the dynamics that forged a "friends to the end" relationship between Jonathan and David? What is the most applicable take away for your own friendships from this passage?

## **Thursday**

**Psalms 145**

Read Psalm 145 slowly. Journal your emotions and thoughts as you reflect on who God is to you. Spend time in praise and prayer for all of the ways God has blessed you and your family. Communicate with as many family members as you can today what you appreciate about them.

## **Friday**

**Philippians 4:10-13**

Before being caught up in the frenzy of the shopping till you drop season, reconnect with and reflect upon the deepest desires of your heart. Refer to journal entries from last week if needed. What does contentment mean to you? Begin praying for direction regarding your Birthday Gift to Jesus.

## **Saturday**

**John 15:1-11**

What does it look like for someone to "remain" in Jesus? What is some of the "fruit" that reveals someone is remaining in Jesus? How does having the complete joy of Jesus in your life impact your relationship with your family, other believers, and nonbelievers?

## **Sunday**

**John 15:12-17**

How has Jesus proven to be your friend? Do you feel more like Jesus' servant or friend? Explain. How would you describe your relationship with God? Pray for your friends and their God relationship.