

A Friend Loveth At All Times
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Bible Text: [Proverbs 17:17](#); [1 Samuel 18:1](#) ...

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Father, we thank You in Jesus Name as we come here this morning, and Lord You put in a little bit more thankfulness in our heart, and more joy. God, we're beginning to truly be awakened to the privilege Lord God. Oh, the joy, the thanksgiving of how great a love wherewith we are loved. Lord, thank You that You caused us to see it, thank You Lord that You have given us the heart Lord to truly go after it, to have a passion Jesus. And Lord, we need You to take us along all of the way. Lord, help us to speed up our going as Brother Copley wrote that song Speed Up Your Going Brother, Sluggishness Despise. Oh Lord God, the prize, You, Bridegroom, oh the Husband, the lover of our soul, Lord, help us to truly just thank You with everything we have to bless and praise the Lord O my soul in all that is within me. We thank You for this time, may You receive every bit of the glory, may we lift You, and You alone up, we thank You Jesus in Your name, amen. 01:13

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, go ahead and open your bibles to Proverbs 17:17, brotherly love, brotherly love. Proverbs 17:17. A friend loveth at all times, not sometimes, not most times but all times. And as the Lord graced my heart with this it's getting more personal saints. I have to come up here and I say Lord, You constrain me, I need You to hold me together, but I am so thankful to have so many in this meeting that I know God, thank You Jesus has made us these friends, this friend, we love always. Those that know love always, those that are this friend; I'm so rich. I'm rich, yeah. Somebody loves me. I broke down this morning in the kitchen with Polly, I said honey, I'm just so overcome with the love to my life. And brethren, it's needful, I mean it is so, so needful for us to have this love. The love of the brethren, the love of friends; this friend that loves at all times. 03:09

Now, the beautiful thing is that is that we see in the word of God David had Jonathan, yep Moses was given Joshua. Jesus, His disciples, the Apostle Paul was given many dearly beloved brethren, isn't that beautiful how he said that, dearly beloved? My dearly beloved brethren. Yeah, you go out to the store and you greet somebody and you say dearly beloved, you're probably going to be asked to leave. You know, that's dearly beloved, I mean that's wedding talk; that's that kind of love, that's in love-love. Now we need to have this companionship, God gives us this. You can't force this, you can't make this, but you can enter into this, and it's free, and we thank God that we can partake in this because of what we just heard sang and all the different things in the choir, it's because of the power of the Holy Ghost; the power of the Holy Ghost. You will never have this love without the Holy Ghost. The love that is shed abroad in your heart, the love praise God that transforms that life of Christ in you in a proportion of love that you can't know or experience until you really have that, and you understand what I'm saying. 04:43

Now, I think of ones like David, if he didn't trust the grace of God; if he didn't trust the grace of God that was in Jonathan, he never would have been king. You really look at that, again this is all ordered of the Lord, you know Who does this, we can't take credit for any of this, but I'll tell you what, thank the Lord when He uses you. Thank the Lord praise God, and when He uses you is when you enter into this love, you don't try, it's just love. It's so beautiful how these things, this isn't something we sign up for, this is God chooses you. God calls you, before the foundation of the world He saw you in love for this, see, we're talking about David and Jonathan, and I don't even know if they really knew each other very well or anything like that, but after David and his successes and different things with Goliath he goes there to speak before the king. Well, there's Jonathan, the king's son standing right there, David begins to speak, and Jonathan, his soul, and David's soul were knit together in love; it just hit just like that. That's what God does. 06:01

This is this love we're talking about today. But see, if David didn't trust the grace of God in Jonathan, David would have never been king. He needed the supplying of his brother. He needed his care, his protection, he needed his encouragement, he needed his prayer, he needed his love. Let's turn to First Samuel Chapter Eighteen, verse one. That's 1 Sam 18:1. This is this moment where David has just come off of that victory speaking before the king. It says, and it came to pass when David had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Their souls were knit together in love, and hallelujah, our souls are knit together in love. I want you to think about that. Jonathan proved it because it was all about that love and the love of the truth that David would be king. Jonathan supported David, and David supported Jonathan in all of that ruling and reigning. God has given this to us. It's against all odds, it doesn't necessarily make sense, but it's the word of the Lord, and I'm in with you brother. We're going to rule, and we're going to reign. 07:58

Those are the souls that are knit together in love; they just love, they can't help it. God has grafted that in, and I'm talking about grafting it in the rib portion body. So, how amazing I want you to think of this. It came from the son of David's greatest enemy, King Saul. Jonathan was King Saul's son. Jonathan was heir to the throne of Saul. This surpassed everything of anything he could have naturally, this surpassed and superseded anything in his natural family, this is the love that we're speaking of here today, friend. Friend, this supersedes everything. 09:03

Now, Paul, he was confident in the unfeigned faith in Timothy. Timothy was a young, young, young man, possibly even a teenager, a young teenager, yet he was the friend and the confidant of the elder Apostle Paul. I'm so thankful to God that we are in a meeting that we do not despise the day of small things. We treasure one another. We highly esteem one another in the truth. I got lollipops for the four-year-olds today, I had to go get them. They're being trained to reign, they are. I know what's going on in there. Each one of these classes today I think of the heart of God in these teachers. I'm not trying to shine them, I'm not trying to pump anything up, it's just what it is, and God keeps giving us more, and more, and more, and you know why. The evil is waxing worse, and worse, and worse. What do you think God's

going to do, just sit there? Ha, devil, do you think you're making gains? I planned all this you dummy; I'm taking out a company that's going to be ready, alive; alive and remaining, alive and remaining. You believe it? Or have you just heard this thirty, forty, fifty years, or is this you? It's me. By the grace of God, it's me. 10:53

The violent take heaven by force. There has to be that. Don't be ashamed of the gospel of Christ; don't. It is the power of God. You like the power of God unto salvation to all them that believe? Come on. Now, brothers and sisters, this is what was so beautiful, Paul didn't despise Timothy because he was younger, he needed him. He needed that fellowship, he needed that wonderful, beautiful bridal love. Son, you've been graceful. I know you have this faith that's in your mom and grandma, stir it up, don't let it die. That power when I came to pray with you to receive the Holy Ghost son, stir that up. People sometimes sit on the sidelines with that think that I am telling you that wonderful, beautiful language of the Holy Ghost let it flow like a river out your mouth from your heart; you need it. You need to speak with the language of the comforter. 12:24

Now, I fully know the scripture by the grace of God. I do not put my confidence in man, in man. In man whose breath is in his nostrils, but I am so thankful I learn to put my confidence in the grace of God that's in my brethren. What I would have missed, but God didn't let me. Oh no, I'm thankful. I'm thankful that by the grace of God I marked them. I marked David, I marked Paul. I marked Moses because they put their confidence in the grace of God that was in their brethren. 13:10

Now, those that divinely love me in the truth, that love you in the truth you know they care for your soul. Yeah, and by the grace of God over the years I thank the Lord, I put confidence in that love that was in those earthen vessels. I mentioned earlier to be loved by the likes of a Sister McGuire, by a Sister Austin, by a Brother McLamb, and on, and on, and on, and on and on, and on we hit the motherload. Brother Dean, come on, all these different ones, Brother Vic, all of these different ones, and don't be offended if I didn't mention somebody else's name, Sister Wilson loved me, all of these different ones. Now finally I come in here I'm cognizant of it I didn't appreciate it like I should, but God knew I would. And I cannot tell you, I cannot describe to you how I appreciate. I wouldn't be the man of God without it, without the Lord stripping me, stripping me, stripping me. Really understanding as I told you a couple weeks ago who I am in Him, who I am to you, and who you are to me. I know we're getting close; this body can't take it anymore. I've got to have one like His own. 15:09

Now, this follows the scriptures, This isn't just some emotional plea, you understand that; that's not what we're looking for, not at all. This follows the scriptures, a new commandment Jesus said I leave unto you. What is it? Love, that you love one another; just one. It's all fulfilled in one word, love, that you love one another. This love friends, this love so let's make sure we understand what this love, and I do. I thank Him for you friends, I want you to know that. Turn to Colossians Chapter Two, verse two. Remember how David and Jonathan's heart were knit together in love? Hah, that wasn't for just back then. Believe it or

not we 've even got more now because the word of God has assured us in Hebrews Eleven, even with all of those worthies of faith, and all of the wondrous things that they were given freely, and received of God, it was by faith, by believing, amen. But it says there we have a better thing. Without us they can't be made complete; perfect. Praise the Lord, the motherload's got to come home. Know who you are in Christ. 16:37

Verse two. That their hearts, this is speaking to us. That our hearts might be comforted. I like to be comforted, how about you? Being knit together in love. So, the only one that could comfort like this is the Holy Ghost. It's interesting it had to come from the Apostle Paul. Oh yes. Interesting it had to come out after Acts. When the fire came down, and they're in the upper room, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they all began to speak in other tongues. I'm glad I'm in this time. Even with all of the news channels, and all of the social media yuck, yuck, and yuck, yuck, yuck, and yuck. But I know she's coming out of there, that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, in love, not with love, in love. 17:59

Spouses are in love; I'm in love, and she's one. There's a lot of wonderful members in that body, but she's one, that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and here's why. Unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, of the Father, and of Christ in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Isn't that beautiful? I mean, this is so beautiful; this is us. And this is us comforting another, here's how we comfort one another. What we just read is our hearts are knit together in love, and in the riches, and wealth in our full assurance of understanding that we have Christ, and we are his bride. That's the mystery praise God, and we share that; we share that together. Huh. 19:25

Now, sadly but for the grace of God you could be right there. Some try to go this alone; they do. And the Lord has had me, He's told me now honey those are the islands, you don't want to be an island; you do not want to be an island. Brethren, when you have left the lovely, you're in trouble; you're in trouble, and it's the truth. It's the truth. No matter how much we gained in the Lord, we waste all the gain when we just think we're just going to go stand alone. Refusing to gather with the saints that are on fire to win God's best, refusing to gather with the saints that are living a life that by any means I might attain to that resurrection. If you don't want that fellowship, I'm going to tell you something, you don't want the crown, and don't fool yourself. It's the truth isn't it brother? Yes, it is, it's evident. You're either in love with the Bridegroom Who has the Bridegroom's body or you're not. Now, where would I find the Bridegroom's body? The only place you're ever going to find it, with a word of His grace, the message of Christ Jesus, and the mystery of Him in the church, the message of the mark of the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, the place where there is no other gospel but to win Christ Jesus as your Bridegroom. 21:28

Brethren. I'm just thankful that's all I can tell you. I mean, if that doesn't make you humble nothing will ever make you humble. I could have been anywhere else; I mean anywhere else, and you too, but I'm here. I'm here, I mean it really is. It's just like you're Noah,

God chose you, and you got the plan for the ark, and everybody else thinks you're crazy. How can we not get that? You're Abraham, you're working in an idol shop, God speaks to you, and He says you know what? You've got the promise. You've got the promise. I'm making a covenant with you honey, with you, a covenant. You're going to have all of this, the promise, you're going to be the father of many nations, and you know what He did? He went, and you know, he didn't know where he was going, but he believed God. 22:58

Now, there's a final covenant right now going on, oh yes there is, and it's the marriage covenant, marriage covenant. Sister, thank you for giving that to me, I can't even tell you. God's order is so perfect. I signed it, He said He'd guarantee everything. He said He'd provide everything. I said I do, He said I do. We signed it, that contracts done. He said now I got to go; I got to go because I got to prepare a place for us. Huh? You just abide. My love will never vary, my love will never change for you honey, it won't, just feed on it. And I'm giving you the Holy Ghost that's just going to make it more alive and real than you could ever imagine. I want to be with those people. See, I want that fellowship, and I will tell you, I will tell you how it ends. If you want that island, if you don't want this it goes one of two ways. And the Lord showed us in this word, you're either going to go and end up it's true, I'm sure I'll get some comments on this, that's always a good thing, that means they're listening. 24:53

You'll end up either in a mega church like the church of Corinth; yes you will, I seen it through the years because it's the word of God, or you're going to go in a way and be so legal, and drive up cold and self-righteousness that you end up in Galatia. So those are the two choices that you have. You'll either going to go with the truth, you're going to go with the lovely, or this is where it ends; ends up. And but for the grace of God I'm going to stay in the lovely. But for the grace of God, I would go there. And by the grace of God, it continues to pray for ones that are struggling, ones again, but Lord we don't have much time. 25:54

Now, the supplying of the joints of the bridal body, brothers and sisters it's not just necessary, it is essential; it is essential, It's essential for the bride, it's essential for all of God's precious wonderful vessels, even in the Old Testament. Elisha, I've got seven thousand for you, Gideon, I've got three hundred, David you think you're all alone and I've got mighty men. Even Jesus, I love this. Jesus needed His friend; yes, He did. Jesus needed His friends, He needed His disciples, He longed for that love, and that companionship. He longed, you have to think of it, it's the King of kings, and Lord of lords, He needed the fellowship of ignorant fishermen. I'm glad you need my ignorance. I'm sorry for people that don't see this, I really am. I'm sorry for people that get angry, I really am. But we can't be distracted honey, there's just one thing, we need one another. I need you to win, I hope you love one another like that. I believe we do, don't we? Now, that's why the Lord, let's wrap this up. 27:46

He said in Hebrews Ten, twenty-four and twenty-five. He said let us consider one another to provoke unto love, and to good works. Now, how does that happen? There you go, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching. Exhorting, you know

what that means? comforting. Comforting, how's the greatest way I could ever comfort you is to have the Comforter in me, and have that Comforter just grow in love in me more, and more, and more, and more, and more, and more. And I thank the Lord, I really do I know that You love me more; I know You do, and I love You more. 29:07

Yeah, this is, it's personal to us who know. Psalm 133:1 says how good and how good and lovely brethren dwell together in unity! That word dwell means in marriage. They wrote those things for us, that's exactly what it means. The Lord knew what we needed in encouragement even written by David, written even by Solomon, all of the different ones. They wrote those things for us in their hundreds, thousands of years ago that we are reading this today for us. And all I can tell you is I do not forget my friends, I don't. Don't forget, those friends that have saved my life, friends that have said to me, as far as I know son, God's still on the throne. I heard that many times in my life I needed to hear it. I heard from my friends, God chose you Jesse, He's ordained you to go forth and bring forth fruit. 30:39

Saints, friends are lifeline, and even the wounds of those friends; thank you. So, all I can say is, aren't we thankful that we are that to one another? Aren't we thankful for the abundance of the cold cups of water that we bring to one another? And all I can ask the Lord is Lord, let it never stop; never ever stop because I will say it again, I am the richest, I am the richest pastor there has ever been because I am loved, and I am friends with the spouse of the Bridegroom. Hear that: I am loved by, and I am friends with the spouse of the Bridegroom. Father, thank You, thank You. Thank You, Lord thank You. Oh hallelujah, Jesus, Your precious name, all power given in that name, and Lord what You have given to us. 32:46

And Lord, so great a love wherewith we are loved to know it, and its breadth, and width, and length, and height. Lord God, thank you, and Lord again the unity of the Spirit, the bond of perfection how we praise You for it. Lord, and as You had Paul to say that we would love one another the more and more till You come. Thank You for this, thank You that we have one another in the truth in love gospel. Help those Lord God that are kicking against it, help those God that need to break up the fallow ground. Help our brethren Lord Jesus; God, help all of us, and we thank You in Jesus' name. Amen. 33:37