

A photograph of two young boys with light brown hair, wearing dark blue t-shirts and dark shorts, standing on a grassy hill. They are leaning over a horizontal wooden fence rail, with their arms wrapped around each other's shoulders in a warm embrace. They are looking away from the camera towards a bright blue sky with some light clouds. The grass in the foreground is tall and green.

# “Covenantal Friendship”

John 15:12-15



**Proverbs**  
**18:24**

A man of many companions  
may come to ruin, but there  
is a friend who sticks closer  
than a brother.



**Proverbs**  
**27:5-6**

An open rebuke is better  
than hidden love!

Wounds from a sincere  
friend are better than many  
kisses from an enemy







**1 Samuel**  
**18:1**

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.



**Proverbs**  
**17:17**

A friend loves at all times,  
and a brother is born for  
adversity.



**Proverbs**  
**27:10**

Do not forsake your friend  
and your father's friend, and  
do not go to your brother's  
house in the day of your  
calamity.



**Proverbs  
27:10**

Better is a neighbor who is  
near than a brother who is  
far away.



# *Covenant* vs Contract





**What is true biblical friendship?**



A rare relational bond of affection  
that is built on and thrives on  
**truth, trial, and covenantal  
trust.**



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**Genesis**  
**2:18**

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone..."







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**John**  
**15:12-15**

“This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as  
I have loved you. Greater  
love has no one than this,  
that someone lay down his  
life for his friends.



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**15:12-15**

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my



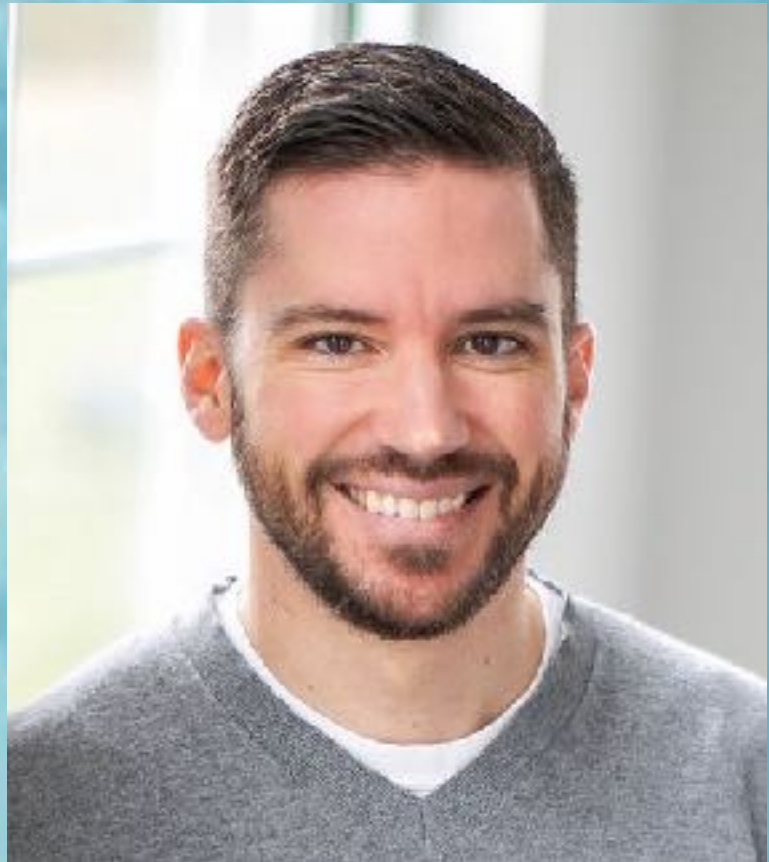
**John**  
**15:12-15**

for all that I have heard from  
my Father I have made  
known to you.









**Drew  
Hunter**

(Made For Friendship)

Jesus is our Savior and he is our King.  
He is also our truest Friend. And  
when we press into this, here's what  
we find: the greatest power for  
becoming a better friend is being  
befriended by the best Friend.



