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A friend is one who will help you up.



## **FRIENDSHIP**

My dear Brothers  
and Sisters in Christ  
Jesus, the peace of  
THE Lord be with  
you!

In this teaching I would like to speak about friendships.

The Lord did not create us to live in isolation, but in relationship with one another. As Christians, our foremost friendship is with Jesus. He loves us as no one else can and will never forget or forsake us. Furthermore, when we walk closely with Him, we will become the kind of companions others need and want.

A friend, my mother said, is a “treasure who loves you as you are, sees not only who you are, but who you can become. A friend is there to catch you when you fall, shares every day experiences, accepts your worst, but helps you become your best, understands your past, believes in your future, accepts you today just as you are, and comes in when the whole world has gone out. A friend prays with you and cries with you.” We all need friends like this, don’t we?

The book of Proverbs provides wise counsel to help us select the right kind of companions. Consider the following verses: “A friend loves at all times.” (17:17) “There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” (18:24) “Faithful are the wounds of a friend.” (27:6) “A man’s counsel is sweet to his friend.” (27:9)

Genuine friendships are characterized by love, loyalty and honesty. They not only support us, but they also have our permission to advise and even correct us when necessary.

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### **CWIA Prayer Breakfast Meeting**

**Saturday, March 28, 2015**  
**9:00 am – Noon**

**SPRINGFIELD EMBASSY SUITES**  
8100 Loisdale Road, Springfield, Virginia 22150  
Phone: 571-339-2000  
Near Metro BLUE Line–Springfield

**For info/tickets, call Patti: (703) 971-3633**  
Kathleen Murray: (703) 451-5737  
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**Cost: \$20 - Full Buffet Breakfast**

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That's why it is so important to make sure that those closest to us are heading in the same direction we are. Although Christians can have relationships with unbelievers, we must realize when they are going in the opposite way spiritually. Our dearest friends must be fellow believers who share the same love for the Lord.

Godly companions are essential because they encourage us to walk obediently with Christ and stimulate us to become more like Jesus in our character, contact, and conversation.

If we have such a friend, we must not take that relationship for granted. **All genuine friendships must be built and nurtured.**

The value we place on our friends is evidenced by the way we treat them. Let's consider what it takes to develop a deep friendship:

- More time together
- Communication
- Demonstrate love

This also applies to our families – since this is the year of the family, we should learn to love and respect each other more, and to reach out to the less spiritual with great love! If we are too busy, schedule time for our friends or family or the relationship will not flourish.

My Love and Prayers in Christ,

*Stella Davis*

**Save The Date!** Men and women are invited to our annual CWIA Charismatic Conference that will be held on August 21-23, 2015. Go to our website for more info and updates. We will be celebrating our **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**



You are invited to our **prayer breakfast meeting** on **Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **SPRINGFIELD EMBASSY SUITES** at 8100 Loisdale Road, Springfield, VA 22150. Springfield Embassy Suites is off of I-95 at the Fairfax Parkway exit. 9 miles from Alexandria – 14 miles from DC. Metro: Blue Line to Springfield. Embassy Suites picks up every hour, but contact the hotel directly for pickup: (571) 339-2000. Go to [www.cwiaholyspirit.org](http://www.cwiaholyspirit.org) for more details or call Patti at (703) 971-3633. The price is \$20, and includes a splendid Buffet Breakfast, and all tax & gratuities. Bring a friend. Great speakers, fellowship, good food, praise & worship. Men and women are invited. **The Lord is waiting for you!**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker: WOUNDED WARRIOR Robert Bartlett.** Staff Sergeant Roger Bartlett joined the Army at age 30 following a long line of military men in his family, including his father - a Vietnam veteran. Robert was baptized at age 10 at the persistence of his Catholic grandmother. God was always trying to reach Robert in that still small voice, usually with signs or prophecies of things to come that were going to be difficult, like the upcoming deaths in his family, and his own death at age 32. In 2005, Robert served in Iraq as a Scout Sniper where he died three times over five days. God took him to the gates of hell where he saw the dragon. But he then experienced the Blood of Christ and the Four Pillars mentioned in the Bible. He felt God's mercy and peace, and received a message from a fallen comrade that he must go back. Robert woke up, instantly changed, and eventually recovered through the grace of God. After experiencing a healing at Lourdes, he promised the Blessed Mother that he would go forth and pray for the healing of the sick. He is now a devout Catholic and is a soldier for Christ. Come and be inspired by Robert's conversion and hear about the many miracles that God has performed in his life!

**Our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, May 30, 2015.**

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** July 11-19, 2015. Let us know soon if you are thinking about going. We will only take the first 20 people, first-come, first-served. Our group leader is Stella Davis, and spiritual director is our very own Father David.

**Bible Study:** Thursday mornings, Annandale area. Alelu: (703) 642-8378

**Intercessory Prayer Meetings:** Mondays, 10:30am-1:30pm. Stella: (703) 971-3633

**Prayer Chain:** For prayer, email our Prayer Chain at [fraven1@verizon.net](mailto:fraven1@verizon.net).