

'Finding Full Friendship'

(John 15:9-17)

The Bad News and Good News on Loneliness

The PROGRESS of friendship with God (and people)

The TEST of friendship with God

The THRILL of friendship with God

The Four Stages of Friendship

- *Acquaintances ('I ___ _ you')*
- *Casual Friend ('I _____ you')*
- *Close friend ('I _____ you')*
- *Intimate friend ('I _____ completely')*

How do we develop friendship with God?

Do we _____ God as we get to know God? (15:10, 14, 17)

How do we handle God's _____ with us? (15:15)

Are we finding _____ with Jesus? (15:11)

What Jesus offers in friendship

Adventure (J.I. Packer, Knowing God)

A _____ (Hosea, Romans 5:8)

Infinite, imbalanced _____ (15:13)

John 15:9-17 NIV

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.