



Brotherhood

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Do you remember your first day of kindergarten or first grade and you were really nervous cause you didn't know anyone? Well within a few weeks you made friends, and most likely if you made the right choice, those friends are still with you. I remember that day in first grade when I made those first friends. They have been there for me through the good and bad times, ever since that first day.

God made friends for a reason. This past year I have realized just how important they are to me. While going down the path of life, God throws different obstacles in our way. The people that are always there for you to help through those obstacles, that's how you know your true friends.

Your friends need to be a good influence though. They need to be someone who knows God or else they can't help you follow his path. They need to be able to help you through the things along the way. Be sure that they can give you peer pressure but in a positive way. Will they pressure you to go party on Saturday night or study for your big Math test? Make sure you make the right type of friends.

A way that your friends can help you is if they are your 'accountabuddy', meaning they keep you accountable for different aspects of your life making sure that you stay on the path of God. For example, maybe you had a date with your girlfriend or boyfriend; your 'accountabuddy' would ask you, "Hey what did you do with your girlfriend/boyfriend last night?" Or "Hey what happened at so and so's party?"

God has plenty of things to say about friendship; here are some verses I find useful!

- Proverbs 12:26- "A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray."
- Proverbs 17:17- "A friend loves at all times..."
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-11- "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?"
- John 15:13- "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Like I said God has lots to say about friendship. In my opinion it is very important!!

Another thing I have found inspiring is a song by We Came As Romans. The song is called "Intentions". One of the big parts of the song goes like this: "For we are nothing without brotherhood. And brotherhood is nothing without your brothers!" Meaning there isn't much in life without brotherhood or friendship. And friendship isn't anything without your friends. Just like the song says.

I don't know everything that you're going through, but I can tell you that with God and friends you can get through any obstacle. I pray that, if you don't have a close friend, then you'll find one. If you already have that close friend, I pray that you guys grow closer.