

Friendship  
with

GOD

+ Saints

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**Advise**

**Time**

**Follow**

**Comfort**

**Communication**

**Trust**

**Love**

**“a person you  
know well and like”**

**Help**

# **Friendship**

**Investment**

**Share**

**Together**

**Common**

**“a relationship of  
mutual affection”**

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## Case Study 1: Abraham

- ““Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.” – James 2:23
- How?
  - Never questioned God’s commands, Genesis 12:1
  - Never doubted God’s promises, Genesis 13:16
  - Obeyed God, Genesis 22:1-3
  - Reasoned with God, Genesis 18:17, 23-32
- God finds favour in Abraham
  - Tells him what his descendants will go through and inherit, Genesis 15:13-15
  - Sends 2 angels to Sodom to rescue Lot for Abraham’s sake, Genesis 19:1





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## Case Study 2: Moses

- “So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.” – Exodus 33:11
- How?
  - Dialogue with God, Exodus 33:11
  - Spent time with Him, Exodus 34:28
  - Asked God for help, Numbers 11:13-20
  - Followed Him, Exodus 14:2-4
  - Trusted in Him, Exodus 14:13
- God finds favour in Moses
  - Moses gets a glimpse of God in His glory, Exodus 33:18-23



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## How?

- Love – “True love is practical love”
- Get to know “The better you know, the closer you are”
- Hear and listen – Blessing comes to those who listen to the Lord (Luke 11:28)
- Talk with God is - “the key to God’s heart”

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## Who?

- The saints are the members of the church
- The saints include those in heaven
- “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”  
– Ephesians 2:19
- “we were all baptised into one body” – 1 Cor 12:13

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## Why?

- God commands it
  - “go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and **My servant Job shall pray for you**. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you *according to your folly*,” - Job 42:8
- They love God
- To learn from + imitate, 1 Cor 11:1
- Improve our relationship with God, John 4:39
- To see how they achieved friendship with God, Song of Songs 1:8, St. Karas
- They are sometimes why God blesses us, Gen 12:2
- They strengthen + protect us, 2 Kings 6:15



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How?

- Love them (not more than God), Matt 10:37
- Read their stories, Heb 13:7
- Take their blessings, Acts 5:15
- Praise (God's work in) them, Ps 150
- Hang their icons – role models
- **Ask them to pray for us, Job 42:8**
- Ask & call them when we're in trouble



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# Examples



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