

5. True Friendship Extends Even to our Enemies

Prov. 24:17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles,
18 lest the Lord see it and be displeased,
and turn away his anger from him.

Prov. 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,
and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,
22 for you will heap burning coals on his head,
and the Lord will reward you.

Prov. 16:7 When a man's ways please the Lord,
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Questions:

1. Do you value friendship? Do you have a friend who is "closer than a brother"?
2. Can you be friends with both Christians and non-Christians? Why should our closest friends be followers of Jesus Christ?
3. Why is loyalty such an important aspect of friendship? What does it look like to be faithful in friendship?
4. What does it mean to "speak the truth in love"? Can we speak truth without love? Can we love without truth?
5. Why does Jesus call us to love our enemies? How does befriending an enemy display the Gospel of Jesus Christ?