



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

## **Our True Friend!**

Proverbs 17:17 (NKJV) says a friend loves you in all circumstances. Many years ago, my pastor told me I needed a friend. He wanted to be my friend, but I replied that my work was mine. While my work challenged me, it did not criticize or condemn me. Those challenges gave me experiential learning and satisfaction. Later, I learned Abraham was God's friend forever. God did not criticize Abraham for his mistakes. God loved Abraham because he believed in him and counted his belief as righteousness (2 Chronicles 20:7, James 2:23). David and Jonathan, King Saul's son, were so close in their friendship that they were soulmates (1 Samuel 20:17, 42; 2 Samuel 1:26). Jesus told his disciples, including Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him and Peter, who denied him, they were his friends (John 15:14-15). Jesus loves every believer unconditionally and sees them as his friends. Friendship with the world is enmity, which is deep-rooted hatred and hostility toward God (James 4:4). But a friendship with Jesus gives God's love as a father's love for his children (1 John 3:1-3). Listen to "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"  
<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=0UdHlrEdjM0&si=KR15roIFZQEWVvc0>  
Shalom!!

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