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## **Christ's Model for Friendship**

Fellowship and Friendship – Part 2

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### **John 15:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

<sup>16</sup>You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

<sup>17</sup>These things I command you, that you love one another."

### **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**

*"Two are better than one... for if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up."*

1. The Command to Love is \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Context of the Love is \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Comparison of Love is \_\_\_\_\_

***WHAT DOES THIS KIND OF LOVE LOOK LIKE? WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE?***

**A. The Extent of His Love is \_\_\_\_\_**

*"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16*

**B. The Expression of His Love is \_\_\_\_\_**

"Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung, possibly even broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must not give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully around with hobbies and little luxuries, avoid all entanglements, lock it up safe in the coffin of your selfishness, but in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, and airless, it will change- it will not be broken, it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy is damnation. the only place outside heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and disturbances of love is Hell.'" -- C.S. Lewis

**C. The Evidence of His Love is \_\_\_\_\_**

**D. The Example of His Love is \_\_\_\_\_**

***Organizations don't love others. People do.***

