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Using a hymnal, look up one of the hymns about friendship with Jesus. Write down one of the verses you feel best expresses your friendship with Him.

B iblical Insight

Jesus spent 3 years in close contact with twelve very different disciples. Matthew was a despised tax collector. Peter was an overanxious stick-your-foot-in-your-mouth fisherman. John and James cared only about their position in the coming kingdom. To some, these men were misfits, and a riot about ready to erupt. Yet, somehow Jesus was able to maintain good strong ties with them, while developing friendships with Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and many others. He washed their feet, told them the most private information, and trained them to become effective evangelists and leaders. And lastly, He sacrificed himself to death on a cross so they could enjoy the fruit of eternal life.

Jesus exhibited all of the qualities listed in the Composition section, and many more not discussed here. His behavior stands in stark contrast to so many friendships that depend only on money, power, position, or temporary use.

C omposition

Jesus is our perfect example of true friendship. Below are just some of the goals of true friendship. Match each quality of a friend to the reference of the verse which shows Jesus providing that example.

John 13:14,15	Sacrifice
John 15:12	Service
John 15:13	Sharing privileged information
John 15:15	Love

E valuation

After studying the goals of Christian friendship, where do you see the greatest need for change in your own relationships?

D irection

Give an example of how you can follow the example Jesus set. Demonstrate each facet of true friendship to your friends.

- Sacrifice
- Service
- Sharing privileged information
- Love

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C: John 13:14,15 Service

 John 15:12 Love

 John 15:13 Sacrifice

 John 15:15 Sharing privileged information

D: Sacrifice Give up your ball game to help a friend study for a test

 Sharing privileged information Telling your friend your most precious secret

 Service Baby-sitting your best friend's little sister for him

 Love Speaking only well of your friend in front of others

(Answers will vary.)

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