



# Is God Your Friend?

**"If you are a true friend to God you run to him!"**  
***Bishop Paul Ojeda***

## Scripture in Reference:

Romans 5:4-11 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. <sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. <sup>7</sup> Now, most people would not be willing to die for an up-right person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. <sup>9</sup> And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. <sup>10</sup> For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. <sup>11</sup> So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

## Scripture mentioned:

John 15: 9-15 (NKJV)

## Summary:

How are you viewing God personally? There is so many different ways you can view God personally such as Maker, Creator, Lord, etc. The shocking truth is God longs to be your personal friend! In this weeks sermon Bishop Paul Ojeda discusses your personal friendship with God. How personal is your relationship to God? Are you running to Him or are you running away from Him? We were all made to live in God's continual presence always, to have a lasting personal relationship with Him as a friend. The word friend in Greek means *Philos*. *Philos* was commonly used as a word to describe your best man at your wedding. When you choose your best man, you choose your truest friend. This is someone you can count on always, through tough times and in good times. Someone you have a deep personal relationship with. Based on your relationship with God today, would you say that God would choose you as His best man or "Truest Friend" at His wedding? Would you say your closer to God than anyone else in your life?

## Questions to ask yourself:

- How do you communicate with God daily and how often?
- How has your friendship grown with God over the years?

## Become a follower of Jesus today by saying this prayer:

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."