

CLASS: SS2

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FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN JESUS, MARTA AND MARY

(Luke 10: 32 – 42)

Friendship may be defined as an association of loving companionship. The most recognizable examples are: friendship between Jesus, Martha, Mary and Lazarus; the friendship between David and Saul's son, Jonathan etc.

Mary and Martha were friends of Jesus, Lazarus was his brother. Martha was the first to receive Jesus into her house. She later called Mary who sat at the Lord's feet listening to his teaching. Martha wanted to please Jesus by making sure that everything was fine, but the service distracted her from listening to Jesus. She asked Jesus why he did not care that Mary left her alone to serve and did not tell Mary to help. Jesus answered that Mary has chosen the best thing which would not be taken away from her and Martha was only worried and anxious about many things.

FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN JESUS AND LAZARUS

(John 11: 1 – 44)

One day, Lazarus got very sick. His sister sent words to Jesus and told him about their brother, whom he loved, asking him to come. Jesus was in another town; so he did not come right away. When Jesus finally arrived, Martha ran to him and told him that Lazarus died four days ago. She was upset with Jesus that he had not come sooner to help Lazarus, so she said, 'if only you had been here, my brother would not have died'.

Jesus was sad for his friends even though he knew what he was going to do, in that he wept. Jesus then told Martha "your brother will rise again ". He prayed to His father and then called out with a loud voice `Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus then

walked out of the tomb. Jesus requested that he be loosen from the corpse clothe. Mary and Martha were so happy to have their brother back with them.

FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN DAVID AND JONATHAN

(I Samuel 18 – 19)

David was a shepherd, Jonathan was a prince. Jonathan had his own armour, David had a harp and a slingshot. Jonathan, already a great man of war, likely met the young David in the palace when David was called to play the harp, for the emotional tormented king Saul (his Father).

David and Jonathan started as friend soon after David slew Goliath. Jonathan saw that the hand of the Lord was on David, and he became 'one spirit with him'.

Jonathan and David came from different backgrounds, but they had a few things in common. They were both warriors, they were men of faith who served the living God, they had God given courage and strength and they needed each other.

While Saul, Jonathan's father hated David, Jonathan loved David and their friendship was with an oath. Jonathan give David his robe, tunic, sword and his belt. After this, Jonathan told David that he will be king over Israel and him (Jonathan) will be his assistant.

Conclusively, when Jonathan and his father died in battle against the philistines, David wrote thus out of love for his friend Jonathan:

How are the mighty fallen in the midst of battle! Jonathan lies slain upon the high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was wonderful passing the love of woman".

In Jonathan's honor, David cared for his son Mephibosheth, who was lame on both feet.

TYPES OF FRIENDSHIP

1. The best of friends: One who is always there for the rest of your life.
2. The funny One: This is a friend who is fun loving.

3. The loyal coworker: This is a friend at workplace who you learn from or who learns from you.
4. The wise one: This is the friend you go to when you searching for advice or direction.
5. A friendly neighbor: This is the nicest of neighbors.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD FRIENDS

Good friend are:

1. Trustworthy
2. Honest with others
3. Very dependable
4. Loyal to people you care about
5. Empathetic to others
6. Not judgmental
7. Good listener
8. Caring and supportive

ASSIGNMENT

Cite another instance of friendship in the bible.