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Introduction:

Have you ever had a friend that let you down?
Have you ever had a friend that decided they did not want to be your friend any longer? Since third grade?
Have you ever let one of your friends down?
Most of us have to answer yes to all the above.

Today I want to tell you about a true friend of mine. One that has never let me down. One that has never forsaken me. One that loves me and stays true to me regardless of how I have failed. You may find it hard to believe some of the things this friend does for me and has done for me. I need to also tell you right up front, this friend has sent word that he wants to be your friend too! As you suspect by now, I am referring to my friend, Jesus.

Key Passage

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let me share a few facts about My Friend Jesus from the passage we have read:

1. He is my Great High Priest

- A. He lives in the presence of God making intercession for me.
- B. He represents my heart to the Father
- C. He represents the Father's heart to me.
- D. He is my mediator and advocate.
- E. He presents his own good works to the Father and gives me credit for them.
- F. He offered himself as the sacrifice for my sin. He laid it all down for me!

2. He is the Son of God, yet he is my friend.

- A. He left the riches of glory and emptied himself, became a man. Why? To redeem me and make it possible for me to relate to God as a son as well.
- B. He is Divine Royalty and shares all that he is with me. He shares his inheritance with me. That's what you call, letting somebody in on your good fortune.

3. I can hold on to a certain future because Jesus is my friend.

I can know with certainty that what belongs to Jesus belongs to me. Why? Because of who he is, not who I am.

4. He is a friend who understands my struggles and weaknesses.

- A. He does not condemn nor judge me when I struggle. He prays for me and offers me help.
- C. He has endured what I have to endure.
- D. He was tempted in the ways I am tempted.
- E. He does not share with me out of theory but his own experience as a man.

4. He fought the battles I have to fight and he knows how to win them.

- A. He never sinned. As my friend, he can show me the way to success.
- B. As my friend, he can help me recognize the tricks of the enemy.
- C. He endured the temptation and came out victorious. Even when I fail, his victory still counts for me.

5. I can go before Father God with confidence because of my friend Jesus.

- A. If He said he would bless people who were Abraham's friends, how much more his own Son's friends.
- B. I can have confidence before God because my friend's got me covered.

6. I have access to grace and mercy for every need and situation because of my friend Jesus.

- A. Imagined standing before the throne of the God of the Universes and knowing that His heart toward you is to help you and give you what you need for your situation. That's you dear believer! All because of Jesus.
- B. I do not have to view God as being angry and mad at me. He loves me and welcomes me into His presence because of Jesus.

Conclusion--Now, have you really been enjoying the benefits of friendship with Jesus? Maybe you should take it to heart just who Jesus wants to be in your life.

If you do not know Jesus, why don't you strike up a conversation with him right now. Ask him to forgive you and save you. He will become the best friend you have ever had.

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