

# SERMON NOTES

January 13 & 14, 2024

## **Commit:** Friends with Benefits

1. Why should people commit to one another?

a. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is found in committed relationships. **Genesis 2:18, 24**

2. What kind of commitments are we talking about?

a. Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_. **John 15:15 | Matthew 26:50 | Proverbs 18:24**

b. Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.

c. Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ someone is really committed to me.

d. Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

e. Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.

f. Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. How do we do keep our Commitments?

a. \_\_\_\_\_ made a commitment \_\_\_\_\_.

**I John 4:19**

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**John 15:12-15 | Matthew 26:47-50**

**Reflect:** Describe the relationship between Jesus and his disciples. Describe your current relationship with Jesus. What is one way you would like to strengthen that friendship?

**Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, thank you for calling me your friend. Help me to befriend others as Jesus has befriended me.

## Tuesday

**Genesis 2:18-24**

**Reflect:** What was God's assessment of humans being alone and why? Based on verse 24, what is to be the marital commitment between a man and a woman?

**Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, thank you for understanding our need for deep, and intimate relationships.

## Wednesday

**Proverbs 18:24**

**Reflect:** How have you experienced both extremes of this Proverb in your life? How have you demonstrated both extremes of this Proverb in your life?

**Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, I give you thanks for loving us first so we can know what love really is.

## Thursday

**Proverbs 13:20 | Proverbs 27:6, 17**

**Reflect:** Identify a few key, committed friendships in your life right now. In what ways are they life-giving to you? In what ways do you give life to them?

**Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, thank you for the committed friendship I enjoy with.....

## Friday

**I John 4:19-21**

**Reflect:** Identify a broken or difficult relationship in your life that is simply waiting for someone to have the courage to go first. Imagine what it would look and sound like for you to be that someone.

**Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, help me to be generous in sharing the love you have so generously shown to me.

## Saturday

**Philippians 2:1-5**

**Reflect:** Commitment is less about who you want to find and more about who you are becoming. What are your thoughts on this statement? When it comes to commitment and friendship, what do you sense God challenging you to examine more closely? What are you going to do about it?

**Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, help me to become the friend I, myself, need and am looking for.

## Sunday

**Psalms 89:1-8**

**Reflect:** God is committed to being faithful. Go to this link and meditate on the faithfulness of God. [pathway.church/faithfulness](https://pathway.church/faithfulness)

**Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, today I worship you for how great is your faithfulness!