



**11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.**

**Topic: A Real Friend**  
**Chapters: Topical December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Intro:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question:** What Does A Real Friend Look like?

**1. We Can't Show Favoritism - James 2:1-4, NKJV,** 1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

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**Question for Dialogue:** Why is it important not to judge potential friends by appearances or short term actions?

**Galatians 2:11-13, NKJV,** 11 Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; 12 for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

**2. We're Chosen by God, So Choose Others - James 2:5-7, NKJV,** 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? 7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

**Question for Dialogue:** How do you handle a friendship or relationship where someone's hurt you or is currently hurting you and they either don't want to admit they're wrong or they've admitted it, but have continued the hurtful behavior?

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**3. Care For Others, Like We Care for Ourselves - James 2:8-9, NKJV,** 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

**Question For Dialogue:** How does a lack of self-esteem or not truly loving the person one's become, prevent someone from loving others?

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**Proverbs 18:24, NIV,** One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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