

## FIGHTING FOR AN AWSOME FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

### The Spiritual Battle—series

Romans 5:10-11

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First Thing To Understand----God wants you for a \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 4:8a (NLT)** “Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.”

**Romans 5:10-11 (NLT)** “We were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, so we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. NOW we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God!”

**John 15:15** Jesus: “I no longer call you servants... Instead, I call you my friends!”

**Exodus 34:14 (NLT)** “. . . He is a God who is passionate about his relationship with you.”

**Hosea 6:6 (LB)** GOD: “I don’t want your sacrifices—I want your love; I don’t want your offerings—I want you to know me!”

**Acts 17:26-27 (Mes)** “Starting from scratch, God made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living so that we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him!”

### HOW TO BUILD A FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

1. MAKE KNOWING GOD MY NUMBER ONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 3:8 (NLT)** “Everything else is worthless compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus. I’ve discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may know Christ.”

**Jeremiah 29:13** “You will find me when you seek me with ALL your heart.”

2. \_\_\_\_\_ DOWN AND BE \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 46:10a (NIV)** “Be still, and know that I am God.”

**Psalms 25:14** “Friendship with the Lord is reserved for those who reverence him. With them he shares the secrets of his covenant.”

**Matthew 6:5-6 (Mes)** “When you come before God, don’t turn it into a theatrical production . . . Just find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.”

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**3. DECIDE WHOSE \_\_\_\_\_ YOU WANT MOST**

**James 4:4 (NCV)** *“You should know that loving the world is the same as hating God. Anyone who wants to be a friend of the ‘world’ becomes an enemy of God.”*

**John 15:14 (NLT)** Jesus: *“You are my friends if you obey me.”*

**4. MAINTAIN A CONSTANT \_\_\_\_\_**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** *“Pray all the time!”*

**Philippians 3:10 (Amp)** *“My determined purpose is that I may know Him—that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly.”*

**5. TRUST GOD IN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_**

**Psalms 55:22** *“Cast all your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.”*

**Going through trouble/problems now?**

**Psalms 91:14 (Mes)** *“I’ll get you out of your trouble. And I’ll give you the best of care if you’ll only get to know and trust me.”*

**Drifted Away From God?**

**Jeremiah 15:19 (NLT)** *“If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak words that are worthy, you will be my spokesman. You are to influence them; do not let them influence you!”*

**John 15:13-14** *“No one shows greater love than when he lays down his life for his friends. And you are my friends IF you do what I command.”*

**1 John 3:23 (NCV)** *“And this is what God commands: that we believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love each other, just as he commanded.”*