



Title | Unfriended
Series | NOW I SEE
Text | John 15:12-17
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Sermon Notes

John 15:12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. **17** These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

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Big Idea:

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John 15:14

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read John 15:12-17. In the first and last verses of this passage, Jesus says much the same thing, and he is repeating what he has said earlier that same night, again and again. Why is Jesus saying this over and over right now, in his last time with his disciples before he's crucified? What's the significance for us?

Tuesday:

Reread John 15:14. From this verse, it seems clear that, if we do what Jesus says, that is, love one another, then he will consider us to be his friends. But what if we don't do what Jesus says? What then?

Wednesday:

According to John 15:14, Jesus considers those who obey him friends. But there is nowhere in Scripture where God the Father is called a friend of his children. What does that suggest about the nature of our relationship with God? At a human level, is it healthy for children to consider their parents friends? Why or why not? (And did all this just ruin "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"?)

Thursday:

Considering John 15:13, what would it mean for you to lay down your life for another?

Friday:

Does John 15:16 apply only to the eleven disciples, or does it also apply to us? What is the assignment? How do we carry it out? What is at stake?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I realize that my love is often immature and selfish. Forgive me. Bring to my mind someone who I am not loving well, and give me the power to make that right. Amen.