Fellowship

God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9

God desires fellowship with us. We are called to it. Unfortunately, unlike the early church, we are not taught how to fellowship with Him. The reality is that Jesus (Immanuel) is with us all the days of our lives and accessible! He is our friend as well as our God. We need to become friends of His. The Immanuel Approach is an effective way to practice His presence. The four steps of recalling a positive memory, praising Him for Who He is in that memory, finding Him with you now and encountering- experiencing- engaging with Him in the present is a simple way to encourage the whole body of Christ to develop a close friendship with Him.

Studies included in this article are: Fellowship; Friendship; Friend; Abraham, God's Friend; Moses, God's Friend; Friends; Companion; Companions; Examples of Friendship Through Fellowship With God: Samuel, Queen of Sheba, Job, Paul

For more information on this topic, please see: "Agreement And Attunement"; Man After God-David"; "Man After God-Paul"; "People Who Knew God"; "Won't You Dine With Me?"; Appendix 9: God Accepts and Loves Intimacy in my book, <u>Immanuel: A Practicum</u>

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Psalms 94:20 Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?

- Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and <u>fellowship</u>, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- 1 Corinthians 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the <u>fellowship</u> of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 10:20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have <u>fellowship</u> with demons.
- 2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what <u>fellowship</u> has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?
- 2 Corinthians 8:4 Imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the <u>fellowship</u> of the ministering to the saints.
- Galatians 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of <u>fellowship</u>, that we *should go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

- Ephesians 3:9 And to make all see what *is* the <u>fellowship</u> of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ.
- Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.
- Philippians 1:5 For your <u>fellowship</u> in the gospel from the first day until now.
- Philippians 2:1 Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any <u>fellowship</u> of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy.
- Philippians 3:10 That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the <u>fellowship</u> of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.
- 1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have <u>fellowship</u> with us; and truly our <u>fellowship</u> is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- 1 John 1:6 If we say that we have <u>fellowship</u> with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have <u>fellowship</u> with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Friendship

- Proverbs 22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go.
- James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that <u>friendship</u> with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Friend

- Genesis 38:12 Now in the process of time the daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, died; and Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.
- Genesis 38:20 And Judah sent the young goat by the hand of his <u>friend</u> the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand, but he did not find her.
- Exodus 33:11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his <u>friend</u>. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.
- Deuteronomy 13:6 If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your <u>friend</u> who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers.
- Ruth 4:1 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, <u>friend</u>, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down.
- 2 Samuel 13:3 But Amnon had a <u>friend</u> whose name *was* Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab *was* a very crafty man.

- 2 Samuel 15:37 So Hushai, David's friend, went into the city. And Absalom came into Jerusalem.
- 2 Samuel 16:16 And so it was, when Hushai the Archite, David's <u>friend</u>, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"
- 2 Samuel 16:17 So Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your <u>friend?</u> Why did you not go with your <u>friend?</u>"
- 1 Kings 4:5 Azariah the son of Nathan, over the officers; Zabud the son of Nathan, a priest *and* the king's friend.
- Job 6:14 To him who is afflicted, kindness *should be shown* by his <u>friend</u>, Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.
- Job 6:27 Yes, you overwhelm the fatherless, And you undermine your <u>friend</u>.
- Psalms 15:3 He *who* does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his <u>friend</u>.
- Psalms 35:14 I paced about as though *he were* my <u>friend</u> *or* brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns *for his* mother.
- Psalms 41:9 Even my own familiar <u>friend</u> in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up *his* heel against me.
- Psalms 88:18 Loved one and friend You have put far from me, And my acquaintances into darkness.
- Proverbs 6:1 My son, if you become surety for your friend, If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger.
- Proverbs 6:3 So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your <u>friend</u>: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your <u>friend</u>.
- Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.
- Proverbs 17:18 A man devoid of understanding shakes hands in a pledge, And becomes surety for his friend.
- Proverbs 18:24 A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly, But there is a <u>friend</u> *who* sticks closer than a brother.
- Proverbs 19:4 Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.
- Proverbs 19:6 Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man is a friend to one who gives gifts.
- Proverbs 22:11 He who loves purity of heart And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend.
- Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
- Proverbs 27:9 Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness of a man's <u>friend gives delight</u> by hearty counsel.
- Proverbs 27:10 Do not forsake your own <u>friend</u> or your father's <u>friend</u>, Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; Better *is* a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

- Proverbs 27:14 He who blesses his <u>friend</u> with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It will be counted a curse to him.
- Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.
- Song of Solomon 5:16 His mouth *is* most sweet, Yes, he *is* altogether lovely. This *is* my beloved, And this *is* my <u>friend</u>, O daughters of Jerusalem!
- Jeremiah 6:21 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people, And the fathers and the sons together shall fall on them. The neighbor and his <u>friend</u> shall perish."
- Jeremiah 19:9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and everyone shall eat the flesh of his <u>friend</u> in the siege and in the desperation with which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall drive them to despair.
- Micah 7:5 Do not trust in a <u>friend</u>; Do not put your confidence in a companion; Guard the doors of your mouth From her who lies in your bosom.
- Matthew 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a <u>friend</u> of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children.
- Matthew 20:13 But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'
- Matthew 22:12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.
- Matthew 26:50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.
- Luke 7:34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'
- Luke 11:5 And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a <u>friend</u>, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves."
- Luke 11:6 'For a <u>friend</u> of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'.
- Luke 11:8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his <u>friend</u>, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.
- Luke 14:10 But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.
- John 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the <u>friend</u> of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.
- John 11:11 These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our <u>friend</u> Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

- John 19:12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's <u>friend</u>. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."
- Acts 12:20 Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their <u>friend</u>, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's *country*.
- Philemon 1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy *our* brother, To Philemon our beloved *friend* and fellow laborer.
- James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a <u>friend</u> of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Abraham, God's Friend

- 2 Chronicles 20:7 Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?
- Isaiah 41:8 But you, Israel, *are* My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.
- James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God."

Moses, God's Friend

- Exodus 33:11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, <u>as a man speaks</u> to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.
- Numbers 12:8 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in <u>dark sayings</u>; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

Friends

- Genesis 26:26 Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his <u>friends</u>, and Phichol the commander of his army.
- Judges 11:37 Then she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me: let me alone for two months, that I may go and wander on the mountains and bewail my virginity, my <u>friends</u> and I."
- Judges 11:38 So he said, "Go." And he sent her away *for* two months; and she went with her <u>friends</u>, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains.
- 1 Samuel 30:26 Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent *some* of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his <u>friends</u>, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD" —

- 2 Samuel 3:8 Then Abner became very angry at the words of Ishbosheth, and said, "Am I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show loyalty to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his <u>friends</u>, and have not delivered you into the hand of David; and you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman?
- 2 Samuel 19:6 In that you love your enemies and hate your <u>friends</u>. For you have declared today that you regard neither princes nor servants; for today I perceive that if Absalom had lived and all of us had died today, then it would have pleased you well.
- 1 Kings 16:11 Then it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he was seated on his throne, *that* he killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave him one male, neither of his relatives nor of his <u>friends</u>.
- Esther 5:10 Nevertheless Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and called for his <u>friends</u> and his wife Zeresh.
- Esther 5:14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his <u>friends</u> said to him, "Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and in the morning suggest to the king that Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the banquet." And the thing pleased Haman; so he had the gallows made.
- Esther 6:13 When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his <u>friends</u> everything that had happened to him, his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him."
- Job 2:11 Now when Job's three <u>friends</u> heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him.
- Job 12:4 I am one mocked by his <u>friends</u>, Who called on God, and He answered him, The just and blameless *who is* ridiculed.
- Job 16:20 My friends scorn me; My eyes pour out tears to God.
- Job 17:5 He who speaks flattery to his friends, Even the eyes of his children will fail.
- Job 19:14 My relatives have failed, And my close friends have forgotten me.
- Job 19:19 All my close friends abhor me, And those whom I love have turned against me.
- Job 19:21 "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, For the hand of God has struck me!
- Job 32:3 Also against his three <u>friends</u> his wrath was aroused, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job.
- Job 42:7 And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two <u>friends</u>, for you have not spoken of Me *what is* right, as My servant Job *has*.
- Job 42:10 And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his <u>friends</u>. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.
- Psalms 38:11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off.

- Proverbs 12:26 The righteous should choose his <u>friends</u> carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- Proverbs 14:20 The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, But the rich has many friends.
- Proverbs 16:28 A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.
- Proverbs 17:9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.
- Proverbs 18:24 A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.
- Proverbs 19:4 Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.
- Proverbs 19:7 All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his <u>friends</u> go far from him! He may pursue *them with* words, *yet* they abandon *him*.
- Song of Solomon 5:1 THE BELOVED I have come to my garden, my sister, *my* spouse; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. (TO HIS <u>FRIENDS</u>) Eat, O <u>friends!</u> Drink, yes, drink deeply, O beloved ones!
- Song of Solomon 6:13 THE BELOVED AND HIS <u>FRIENDS</u> Return, return, O Shulamite; Return, return, that we may look upon you! THE SHULAMITE What would you see in the Shulamite—As it were, the dance of the two camps?
- Jeremiah 20:4 For thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your <u>friends</u>; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see *it*. I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon and slay them with the sword.'
- Jeremiah 20:6 'And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. You shall go to Babylon, and there you shall die, and be buried there, you and all your <u>friends</u>, to whom you have prophesied lies.'"
- Jeremiah 38:22 'Now behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* surrendered to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say: "Your close <u>friends</u> have set upon you And prevailed against you; Your feet have sunk in the mire, *And* they have turned away again."
- Lamentations 1:2 She weeps bitterly in the night, Her tears *are* on her cheeks; Among all her lovers She has none to comfort *her*. All her <u>friends</u> have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies.
- Zechariah 13:6 And *one* will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my <u>friends</u>.'
- Matthew 9:15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the <u>friends</u> of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."
- Mark 2:19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the <u>friends</u> of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.

- Mark 5:19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your <u>friends</u>, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."
- Luke 5:34 And He said to them, "Can you make the <u>friends</u> of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?"
- Luke 7:6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.
- Luke 12:4 And I say to you, My <u>friends</u>, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.
- Luke 14:12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your <u>friends</u>, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid.
- Luke 15:6 And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'
- Luke 15:9 And when she has found *it*, she calls *her* <u>friends</u> and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!'
- Luke 15:29 So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my <u>friends</u>.
- Luke 16:9 And I say to you, make <u>friends</u> for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.
- Luke 21:16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and <u>friends</u>; and they will put *some* of you to death.
- Luke 23:12 That very day Pilate and Herod became <u>friends</u> with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.
- John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
- John 15:14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
- John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you <u>friends</u>, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- Acts 10:24 And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.
- Acts 19:31 Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his <u>friends</u>, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater.
- Acts 24:23 So he commanded the centurion to keep Paul and to let *him* have liberty, and told him not to forbid any of his <u>friends</u> to provide for or visit him.

- Acts 27:3 And the next *day* we landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave *him* liberty to go to his <u>friends</u> and receive care.
- 3 John 1:14 But I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our <u>friends</u> greet you. Greet the <u>friends</u> by name.

Companion

- Exodus 2:13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"
- Exodus 32:27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his <u>companion</u>, and every man his neighbor."
- Judges 7:13 And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his <u>companion</u>. He said, "I have had a dream: *To my* surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed."
- Judges 7:14 Then his <u>companion</u> answered and said, "This *is* nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp."
- Judges 7:22 When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.
- Judges 14:20 And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.
- Judges 15:2 Her father said, "I really thought that you thoroughly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister better than she? Please, take her instead."
- Judges 15:6 Then the Philistines said, "Who has done this?" And they answered, "Samson, the son—in—law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his <u>companion</u>." So the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire.
- 1 Chronicles 27:33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion.
- Job 30:29 I am a brother of jackals, And a companion of ostriches.
- Psalms 55:13 But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.
- Psalms 119:63 I am a companion of all who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts.
- Proverbs 2:17 Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God.
- Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, But the <u>companion</u> of fools will be destroyed.
- Proverbs 28:7 Whoever keeps the law is a discerning son, But a <u>companion</u> of gluttons shames his father.
- Proverbs 28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is no transgression," The same is companion to a destroyer.

- Proverbs 29:3 Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, But a companion of harlots wastes his wealth.
- Ecclesiastes 4:8 There is one alone, without <u>companion</u>: He has neither son nor brother. Yet *there is* no end to all his labors, Nor is his eye satisfied with riches. *But he never asks*, "For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?" This also *is* vanity and a grave misfortune.
- Ecclesiastes 4:10 For if they fall, one will lift up his <u>companion</u>. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up.
- Isaiah 34:14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the jackals, And the wild goat shall bleat to its companion; Also the night creature shall rest there, And find for herself a place of rest.
- Micah 7:5 Do not trust in a friend; Do not put your confidence in a <u>companion</u>; Guard the doors of your mouth From her who lies in your bosom.
- Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My <u>Companion</u>," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones."
- Malachi 2:14 Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your <u>companion</u> And your wife by covenant.
- Philippians 4:3 And I urge you also, true <u>companion</u>, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.
- Revelation 1:9 I, John, both your brother and <u>companion</u> in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Companions

- Numbers 16:40 to be a memorial to the children of Israel that no outsider, who is not a descendant of Aaron, should come near to offer incense before the LORD, that he might not become like Korah and his <u>companions</u>, just as the LORD had said to him through Moses.
- Judges 14:11 And it happened, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.
- Ezra 4:7 In the days of Artaxerxes also, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabel, and the rest of their <u>companions</u> wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter was written in Aramaic script, and translated into the Aramaic language.
- Ezra 4:9 From Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their <u>companions</u>—representatives of the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the people of Persia and Erech and Babylon and Shushan, the Dehavites, the Elamites,
- Ezra 4:17 The king sent an answer: To Rehum the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, to the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and to the remainder beyond the River: Peace, and so forth.

- Ezra 4:23 Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, Shimshai the scribe, and their <u>companions</u>, they went up in haste to Jerusalem against the Jews, and by force of arms made them cease.
- Ezra 5:3 At the same time Tattenai the governor of the region beyond the River and Shethar–Boznai and their <u>companions</u> came to them and spoke thus to them: "Who has commanded you to build this temple and finish this wall?"
- Ezra 5:6 This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai sent: The governor of the region beyond the River, and Shethar–Boznai, and his <u>companions</u>, the Persians who were in the region beyond the River, to Darius the king.
- Ezra 6:6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor of the region beyond the River, and Shethar–Boznai, and your companions the Persians who are beyond the River, keep yourselves far from there.
- Ezra 6:13 Then Tattenai, governor of the region beyond the River, Shethar–Boznai, and their <u>companions</u> diligently did according to what King Darius had sent.
- Job 35:4 "I will answer you, And your companions with you.
- Job 41:6 Will your companions make a banquet of him? Will they apportion him among the merchants?
- Psalms 45:7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your <u>companions</u>.
- Psalms 45:14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her <u>companions</u> who follow her, shall be brought to You.
- Psalms 122:8 For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you."
- Song of Solomon 1:7 (TO HER BELOVED) Tell me, O you whom I love, Where you feed your flock, Where you make it rest at noon. For why should I be as one who veils herself By the flocks of your companions?
- Song of Solomon 8:13 THE BELOVED You who dwell in the gardens, The <u>companions</u> listen for your voice—Let me hear it!
- Isaiah 1:23 Your princes are rebellious, And <u>companions</u> of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, And follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.
- Isaiah 44:11 Surely all his <u>companions</u> would be ashamed; And the workmen, they are mere men. Let them all be gathered together, Let them stand up; Yet they shall fear, They shall be ashamed together.
- Ezekiel 37:16 "As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his <u>companions</u>.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his <u>companions</u>.'
- Ezekiel 37:19 "say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his <u>companions</u>; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."'

- Daniel 2:13 So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.
- Daniel 2:17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,
- Daniel 2:18 that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his <u>companions</u> might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
- Zechariah 3:8 Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your <u>companions</u> who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.
- Matthew 11:16 But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their <u>companions</u>.
- Acts 4:23 And being let go, they went to their own <u>companions</u> and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.
- Acts 19:29 So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions.
- Acts 21:8 On the next day we who were Paul's <u>companions</u> departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.
- Hebrews 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your <u>companions</u>.
- Hebrews 10:33 Partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated.

Examples of Friendship Through Fellowship With God:

Samuel: 1 Samuel 1:-21

- 1 Samuel 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)
- 1 Samuel 3:10 Now the LORD **came and stood** and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."
- 1 Samuel 3:15 So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision."
- 1 Samuel 3:21 Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

Queen of Sheba: 1 Kings 10:1-13; 2 Chronicles 9:1-12

- 1 Kings 10:1 Now when the <u>queen of Sheba</u> heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions.
- 1 Kings 10:4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built.
- 1 Kings 10:6-7 Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. "However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard."
- 1 Kings 10:10 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the <u>queen of Sheba</u> gave to King Solomon.
- 1 Kings 10:13 Now King Solomon gave the <u>queen of Sheba</u> all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.
- 2 Chronicles 9:1 Now when the <u>queen of Sheba</u> heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard questions, *having* a very great retinue, camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.
- 2 Chronicles 9:3-6 And when the <u>queen of Sheba</u> had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers and their apparel, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. However I did not believe their words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You exceed the fame of which I heard."
- 2 Chronicles 9:9 And she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great abundance, and precious stones; there never were any spices such as those the <u>queen of Sheba</u> gave to King Solomon.
- 2 Chronicles 9:12 Now King Solomon gave to the <u>queen of Sheba</u> all she desired, whatever she asked, *much more* than she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

Job:

Job 42:5 I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.

Paul:

- Galatians 2:2 And I went up <u>by revelation</u>, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest <u>by</u> any means I might run, or had run, in vain.
- Ephesians 3:3-4 How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ).

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