



5. WHY DO I FEEL SO ALONE?

And why don't I have any real friends?

Making genuine friends is one of the real struggles of life. Why are friends so fleeting? Why do I feel so alone most of the time? In answer to that question, the Bible clearly states that God invites us to become His friend through the sacrifice of His own Son. John's gospel says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:13–15).

God never intended for you to be lonely or isolated from others. Just the opposite is true. God invites you to discover the end of all loneliness in a personal relationship with Him. When you receive Jesus... you become part of God's family of believers all over the world He calls you into community with all Christians. This community of genuine friendships is based on respect, love and forgiveness— which is what our relationship with God is based upon. God offers His all-encompassing love to all who know Him as Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness" (Jeremiah 31:3b).

Imagine being a personal friend of God. Maybe that seems impossible, but I assure you it is not. You can become an intimate friend of the God of the universe. It begins the day you find forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ. You don't have to feel lonely; God wants to be your friend.