

True Friends Are Too Valuable to Lose

Today's Scripture: **Prov 27:7-10**

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“Maintaining a sense of our own need before God gives us a generous perspective towards others and & helps us appreciate them in spite of unappealing aspects of their lives. On the other hand, pursuing comfort in a way that dulls the sense of our need leads us to undervalue and stray from our most valuable relationships.” Tim's Paraphrase of Proverbs 27:7-8

Has any nation ever traded its gods for new ones, even though they are not gods at all? Yet my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols!...For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me—the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all! **Jeremiah 2:11,13**

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You...will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. **John 16:32**

They turn their backs on me, but in times of trouble they cry out to me, ‘Come and save us!’ But why not call on these gods you have made? When trouble comes, let them save you if they can! **Jeremiah 2:27-28**

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. **Prov 17:17**

For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within. But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us **by** the coming of Titus.

2Corinthians 7:5-6