



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: God and Our Bodies: The Practice of Friendship

Speakers: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor

Scripture: John 15:13-17

¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

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Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor, continues our sermon series entitled God and Our Bodies. Today Pastor Rich will preach on The Practice of Friendship, the connection between friendship and sexuality and how the practice of friendship (whether married or single) is one of the most important components for a healthy and vibrant life.

Sermon Questions:

1. Think about your life from childhood until today. Who have been the most significant friends in your life? What made them so important?
2. A recent survey from the Survey Center on American Life noted that the number of close friendships has declined over the past several decades in the United States. Why do you think this is?
3. In John 15, Jesus calls his disciples his friends. Why is this new category of relationship important?
4. What are some of the difficulties you've experienced in the area of making friends? Where have you seen good fruit?
5. We are invited to be friends of God. What might this look like on a daily basis for you?