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Awaken
TO FRIENDSHIP

John 15:12-15

**'I do not call you servants...
I have called you friends.'
(John 15:15)**

1. When we wake up to friendship with God,
we discover that we can share ourselves
honestly with Someone who loves and
accepts us unconditionally.

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2. When we wake up to friendship with God,
we discover that we are God's partner in
God's family business.

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3. When we wake up to friendship with God,
we discover that we are never alone.

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I dedicate this (message) to my friend who is always by my side and in my heart, who is never far when I am lonely and confused, who always gives peace to my soul when I am troubled and frightened, and fearful of the future. I share with Him my deepest secrets, my joy, my sorrow, my accomplishments, my shame. He always understands. He never accuses or criticizes, but often suggests a different way of doing things. When He does He inevitably prepares the way so it is not as impossible as I thought it might be. Over the years I have learned to trust Him. It was not easy. I thought that in following Him I would have to give up all the fun in my life, but I found that He is the source of all joy and adventure, and, indeed, He turned my life into a great adventure at a time when I thought it was about to come to an end. I would like to suggest that He could become your Friend, too, if you would like Him to be. Do not be afraid! He will respect your freedom and your independence more than anyone you have ever met, because He created you to be free. He just wants more than anything that you will accept Him as your Friend. If you do, I can promise you, you will never be alone.

From *Never Alone* by Joseph Girzone

I BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD BY...

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