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MAKING A DIFFERENCE—THE BIBLE WAY



A Word about BFF's

If you were asked right now, could you, without hesitation, name your BFF? (For you Baby Boomers who are challenged by acronyms, a "BFF" is your best friend forever!)

Good friends are hard to come by. If you go through life with just one, you have done well. An Irish proverb says, "A best friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find, lucky to have."

Some great friendships in history include that of J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the classic fantasy works, *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, and theologian and author C.S. Lewis, who wrote *The Screwtape Letters* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Mark Twain, who wrote *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn*, was a great friend of inventor Nikola Tesla, who discovered a practical use for alternating current (AC).

Many are surprised to learn there was a great [friendship between Ruth Ginsberg and Antonin Scalia](#). Their political views were at opposite ends of the spectrum, and it seemed unlikely that they would care to spend time together; but they shared a friendship.

Going back to Bible times, David and Jonathan, King Saul's son, were the best of friends, despite Saul's dislike for David. There was also a friendship between the Apostle Paul and Silas.

True friends don't always agree on everything. They are not a spitting image of each other; but they are people who can disagree without becoming disagreeable and, at the same time, have mutual respect for each other.

When we have them, true friends are an important part of our lives. They are with us through life's ups and downs. A true friend can

add meaning to our lives and support us when everyone else has given up on us. They can make the ordinary moments in our lives seem extraordinary.

True friendship can add emotional, mental, and physical value to our lives. A good friend need not be of the same social status, share our religious views or skin color, or even come from the same cultural background.

True friends are comfortable with each other. Their relationship is often forged with transparency which develops trust in one other.

So who is your BFF?

In Genesis 2:23–24, the Bible talks about the unique relationship between a husband and wife. They become one in the marriage bond. Proverbs 31:10–11 talks about how a strong marriage relationship is a precious thing. Such a relationship could only be forged through great friendship.

It is no question that God intended for friendship to take place in marriage. If you are married and your BFF is anyone other than your spouse, I challenge you to build that BFF relationship with your spouse!

If you are not married but hope to be married someday, ask yourself this question: Aside from the other person's physical beauty or attractiveness, can they become my BFF for life? Pray that God would bring such a person into your life, and ask Him to prepare your heart for them. Remember that, like a four-leaf clover, a BFF is hard to find but lucky to have!

- Dr. L.W. Edwards

Another ^{Mo} Like MOTHER

Who doesn't need encouragement? A mother-to-be was rushed to the emergency room with complications from her high-risk pregnancy. After weeks of mandated bed rest in the hospital, she sank into depression. One day, her nurse brought a surprise to her room — a newborn named James.

James' mom (who had also experienced a high-risk pregnancy) sent her precious, healthy newborn son for the struggling woman to hold. She also sent this message: "This is the reason you are here in the hospital." [1]

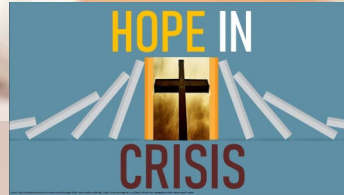
With these uplifting words to cheer her heart, the mother-to-be gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Hunter. Thirty years later, she still remembers the other mother's encouragement.

Cheering others up isn't just another thing mothers do; it's one of the most important things. Their encouragement reminds us of God's comfort in our trials. Second Corinthians 1:3-4 says, *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*

Every life experiences clouds, storms, and rain-fall. Through His encouragement, God repackages our pain and transforms it into a gift we can use to bless others in similar circumstances.

Do you know a mom who needs encouragement? Think of ways you can minister to her from your own life experiences. Remember the times when an "other mother" gave you the strength to press on through your challenges. Model her presence. Mirror her words. You may never know the long-term impact of your encouragement.

[1] *Reader's Digest* Editors, <https://www.rd.com/article/mothers-day-short-stories/>, story submitted by Lisa Stevens, February 22, 2021.



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