

Faithful FRIENDS



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One of the great tributes the Savior can give is to call us “friends.” You remember His words from the 84th section of the Doctrine and

Covenants: “And again I say unto you, my friends, . . . I give unto you this commandment, that ye become even as my friends in days when I was with them, traveling to preach the gospel in my power” (D&C 84:77).

We become His friends as we serve others for Him. He is the perfect example of the kind of friend we are to become.

Each of us who has made the baptismal covenant has promised to follow His example to bear one another’s burdens as He would.

You have many opportunities to be a friend for Him. It may be as you walk on a dusty road. It may be as you look for a place to sit at church. If you are watching,



Jesus Christ, Our Perfect Friend

President Eyring said that Jesus is our perfect friend. Look at the ways Jesus shows His perfect friendship for us.



He wants what is best for us.



He is happy when we are happy.



He feels sorrow when we are sad or hurt.



He suffered for our sins so we can return to Heavenly Father.

Being a Friend for Jesus



Find the ways President Eyring said we can become Jesus's friend by being a friend to others for Him. Write the letter of the picture next to the sentence that describes the picture.

- _____ Help someone who is sad.
- _____ Be a friend to someone who is lonely.
- _____ Invite someone to come back to church.
- _____ Always remember Him.

you will see someone carrying a heavy burden. It may be a burden of sorrow or loneliness.

Living prophets of God have asked us to be faithful friends to those who come into the Church as converts and to go to the rescue of those who have drifted away.



We can do it, and we will do it if we always remember the Savior.

And, in time and in eternity, we will feel the joy of being welcomed to the company of His faithful friends. I pray for that blessing for all of us and for those we will serve. ♦

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