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Dear Friends in Christ:

Praise the name of Jesus who is the best Friend we will ever have.

I love the old hymn, "What a Friend We have in Jesus."

What is a friend? A friend is someone we feel comfortable around. Someone who allows you to be free to be yourself. Someone you feel relaxed around. Free from constraint or always having to prove yourself.

Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Isn't it wonderful to find a place where we can rest and a person we can rest with. Jesus is just that kind of a friend!

A friend is someone you can talk to about anything.

John 14:13-14 " And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. "If you ask ("ask Me anything"- literal translation) anything in My name, I will do it."

1 John 5:14-15 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

The first part of the word confidence is confide. I love the fact that I can confide in Jesus. I can talk to Him anytime about anything.

Isn't it wonderful to have someone we can talk to about anything and know that He is listening and really cares. If we need anything we can talk to Him about it, and He will gladly provide anything we need. What a Friend!!!

If we need to know anything, we can talk to Him about that also.

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

It is rare to find a friend who cares more about you than they do about themselves. That is not true about our Friend Jesus.

1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

I love the fact that Jesus is always near when I need Him.

Proverbs 18:24 "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

John 14:18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

What a Friend! He is always there to intercede in our behalf, whatever the situation.

Hebrews 7:25 "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

A true friend is one who will do anything to help, but even more than that, one who will lay down their life for you. That is a true friend!!!

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Thanks again for your love, thoughts, prayers and support. May the Lord Bless you with His richest blessings and guide you into His perfect will.

Yours in Christ, ><>wayne<><