



## The Friendship of Jesus

Luke 14:25-15:10

Sunday, August 15, 2021

2. Jesus never \_\_\_\_\_

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*What if you could find the perfect friend? One who would never leave you no matter what. The Gospel accounts show us that not only is that type of friendship possible but that for those who follow Jesus, He is that friend forever.*

1. Jesus always \_\_\_\_\_

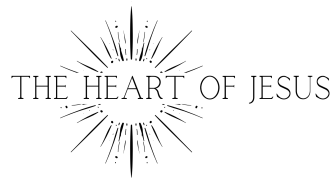
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### NEXT STEPS to help us process and apply God's Word

- Read chapter 12 in "Gentle & Lowly". Pick up a free copy in the back on your way out.
- Pray. Thank God for the friendship that you have in Jesus. Thank Jesus that He is the friend of sinners that you needed to make a way for you to have new life.
- Think. Pray and make a list of the not-yet Christian people in your life, friends, family, co-workers, etc... and pray that God would give you what you need to really be a friend to them.

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**NEXT WEEK:** *The Thoughts & Ways of Jesus*



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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

*During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

What are you most looking forward to this Fall?

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Open in prayer then open your Bibles and re-read Luke 14:25-15:10. What stuck out to you in the text this week?
2. How do we know from Luke 15:1 that Jesus always welcomes us in? Why is this truth so important for us to know and understand?

3. Why is it important to know that Jesus took criticism for being a friend of sinners?

4. How do we know from Luke 15:3-10 that Jesus never lets us go? Why is this truth so important for us to know and understand?

5. Growth Group as FAMILY: How does the friendship of Jesus impact the way we live life together in our group?

6. Growth Groups as SERVANT MISSIONARIES: How should the friendship of Jesus change the way we interact with not-yet Christians in our lives?

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray and thank God for the truth that Jesus is our eternal friend who always welcomes us in and never lets us go
- Pray that we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, would be friends like Jesus.