

# PROPHECY ON FRIENDSHIP

*"...Is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is:..."*

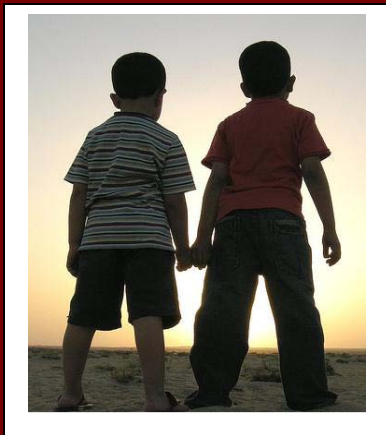
Jeremiah 37:16 KJV

*"Is there a Message from God? There certainly is, said Jeremiah..."*

Jeremiah 37:16. (from THE MESSAGE BIBLE)

Jesus said, *"I have called you friends."* In another place, Jesus declared,

*"Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for HIS FRIEND."*



## ***A Revival of Friendship***

By Moses Hightower

*These words came unto me,*

I hear the voice of my people. Some are in very deep valleys and in great distress. Open your ears unto the voices of those in desperate need. Faint is the sound of many of their voices. Just above a whisper, some cry out. With very little clarity, many speak but are not understood. Where are the friends that should stick close to these?

Do not let your response be according to their faithfulness. Many times their unfaithfulness is rooted in their weakness because they do not have a friend. Do not be hasty in judging the actions of the people, for many times their actions are the expressions of weak, friendless people who have lost hope in the faith. Raise the hope of the people with the love of a friend. My word is in you, and by your words strength will be restored to those weak in the faith. The language of the weak is not an unknown tongue. Those who call themselves friends do not hear their speech, for the love of many is waxing cold.

Warm by the fire of my word in you. Allow the fire of praise to shoot forth inside of you. Speak in psalms and hymns that bring these fiery praises unto the hearts of the weak. The friendship in the body must grow beyond being associates in the faith. Many are only companions in a common cause. *This is friendship, but should your friendship remain so small?*

*Should your friendship remain so distant when love and trust should be growing?*

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. If you are righteous, your friendship should flourish as the palm tree. You should be as the dew unto those who are dry. Your roots should be a strong support. Your branches should spread beyond your own tree, and your beauty should be as the olive tree. The fragrance of your praise should have a pleasant odor. Stretch forth the shadow of your friendship and cover others during their heated trials. Water the friendless and revive them as fertile corn. I have joined you to abundant grace. Now give the same grace to others whose reach has been shortened by the famine of the hearing of my word.

I have arisen with healing in my wings. Go forth as a grown calf of the stall. The energy of the word within you shall tread down the wicked devices. The works of the wicked shall not stand, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet. The Sun of righteousness has arisen, and the breath of my sun causes new growth in the body of Christ. Those being born into Christ must be loved as you love your own soul.

Go and proclaim the need of friendship born of the Sun of righteousness and growing with the love of the Christ. Proclaim a love that is willing to strip self of its robe that it might be given to his brother.

Many have garments, possessions, and many things. You will remain heavy in the journey until you have stripped yourself of your gain and shared it with your brother. You have not been defeated in your past battles. Others have strengthened you when you were weak.

Behold the multitudes that come against the weak. Cry out for help, and strengthen your brothers and sisters. I have called you friend. I am the God of heaven that rules all the kingdoms of the earth. In my hand is power and might, and no one is able to withstand me. Though your friends are weak, my covenant is strong. Offer praise unto me. Come. Let us go and drive out the evil that has sought to destroy those who are weak in friendship.



## PROPHETIC INSIGHT

By Don Grigsby

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God's leaping, dancing, burning, passionate love for us is seeking those who will run into the arms of our Beloved. When he gave Abraham the covenant of fire in the burning lamp in Genesis, it was the Hebrew word "**Esh**". It is the same word that is used for friend when Abraham is called the friend of God. Jesus said that he would not call us servants but friends.

Friends know the intimate secrets of the Lord who loves them. It is so easy to become mechanical and intellectual in our relationship with God. Our raw emotions poured into the pursuit of and possessing the One who loves us is indispensable.

People at every level want to be loved, accepted, and included. This is best accomplished in our relationship with God. As we develop the relationship with the Lord as our true friend, we will develop our relationships with one another. It is easy to become steeled against friendships because of past hurts and betrayals. Even Jesus reached for Judas one more time with the endearing term of "***Friend.***" We have been given the spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. Love will produce a wholeness and powerful cohesion in the body that nothing else can. Faith and hope may fail but love never fails.

