

"...But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Prov. 18:24

JESUS is our best friend! He is there for us 24 hours a day and 7 days a week! He never gets tried of us and He never stops praying for us. He always has a listening ear and a heart full of love and sympathy. Like the old hymn says "Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end."

Jesus is a true friend in 10 ways:

1. Jesus prays for you:

- 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. Hebrews 7:25
- 31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." Luke 22:31-32

2. Jesus sympathizes with you:

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

3. Jesus is always there for you:

20 ...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen. Matthew 28:20

4. Jesus cares for you:

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

5. Jesus encourages you:

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

6. Jesus is faithful to you:

13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. 2 Timothy 2:13

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

7. Jesus will never leave you nor forsake you:

5 Let your conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "*I will never leave you nor forsake you."* Hebrews 13:5

8. Jesus is always willing to receive you:

28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

9. Jesus is always willing to forgive you:

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

10. Jesus has laid down His life for you:

13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. John 15:13-14

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