

Sermon Notes-January 10, 2021

Psalm 25 “Friendship with God”

What do you look for in a friend?

- Proverbs 18:24
- Proverbs 17:17

Why Psalm 25?

- Psalm 25:14 means “The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him.”
- “Friends of God” in the Bible
 - ◊ Abraham (Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23)
 - ◊ Moses (Exodus 33:11)
 - ◊ Jesus’ friends (John 15:13-15)
 - ◊ God wants to be your friend!

Friendship with God does not avoid reality

- Why did David write Psalm 25?
 - ◊ Threats from the outside (enemies in Psalm 25:2, 19)
 - ◊ Disturbed from within (sin in Psalm 25:11; loneliness in 25:16; trouble and anguish in 25:17-18)
- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
 - ◊ Mark 14:33. Jesus is honest with his friends, Peter, James, and John
- Growth in relationship with God means becoming more honest with God
 - ◊ Who is God placing in your life to be a friend?

Friendship with God does not choose compromise

- “Come back a week from Thursday”
- No compromise in Psalm 25.
 - ◊ David puts his trust in God (Psalm 25:1); his hope is “all day long” (Psalm 25:5); his eyes are “ever on the Lord” because “only he will release my feet from the snare” (Psalm 25:15); his refuge is in God (Psalm 25:20)
 - ◊ Story of a friend in England
 - ◊ Story from Alpha

Friendship with God does not forget grace

- We again meet the word “chesed” from last week. “Covenant faithfulness” / “love” in Psalm 25:6-7, 10.
- We have turned from God, like the “friend” in Psalm 55:12-14
- God’s “chesed” love brings us back.
 - ◊ It’s Jesus’ sacrifice for you and me: John 15:13

Kyle’s story

