

“Let’s Just Be Frienemies”

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The most isolated people were _____ times more likely to die than those who had meaningful friendships.

Married people say friendship is more than _____ times as important as physical intimacy within marriage.

“You are better off to have a friend than to be all alone, because then you will get more enjoyment out of what you earn. If you fall, your friend can help you up. But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (CEV)

“Your friends determine the direction and the quality of your life.”

Acts 15:36-41 (NIV)

³⁶Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." ³⁷Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

Acts 6 – introduced to Paul

Acts 9 – Paul’s conversion to Christianity

Acts 13 – Paul and Barnabus Church planting

“God reserves the right to use people who disagree with me.”

Dr. Bob Cook

A Few Disagreeable Facts (Charles Swindoll)

In every disagreement, there is one issue but _____

In disagreements, each side has _____.

In heated disagreements, _____

Some Info On Friendships In America

Playing cards is down _____% over the past 25 years

Having friends over to your house is down _____%

The average American has only _____ close friends.

_____ % of Americans say they have no one to confide in

How To Keep Friends From Becoming Frienemies

When in a disagreement, work hard to see the _____

_____.

“Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of other.” Philippians 2:4 (NIV)

When both sides have validity, seek a _____

_____.

When the conflict persists, care enough to _____ rather than walk out.

When it cannot be resolved, graciously _____ without becoming disagreeable.

A Few More Things

Join a _____.

Invite somebody for _____ this week or a family for dinner.

Go out of your way and even your comfort zone to _____ here.

Become _____.

“Now we can rejoice in our wonderful relationship with God all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins - making us friends with God!” Romans 5:11 (LB)