

Scripture for the Message: John 15:12-17

12 I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you.

13 And here is how to measure it – the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends.

14 You are my friends if you obey me.

15 I no longer call you servants, because a master doesn't confide in his servants. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

17 I command you to love each other.

“Balancing Act”

Introduction:

I. Trying to Have Friends without Being a Friend.

II. Trying to Be a Friend without Having Friends.

III. Trying to be a Friend Like Jesus without experiencing Friendship With Jesus.

IV. Friendship with Direction.