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I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

— John 15:15, NIV

The gift of His friendship

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

— Ephesians 2:8-9, NLT

Enjoy His companionship

Noah walked with God.

— Genesis 6:9, NLT

Shaped by His influence

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

— 1 Corinthians 15:33, RSV

Grateful for His loyalty

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength.

— 2 Timothy 4:16-17, NIV