

Praying Through This Week 3rd May 2021



FRIENDS WITH JESUS ? WOW !!! A conversation with Jesus...

I have called you friends (John 15:15b)

Loving Lord, friend of all, so often I hear those words "friend of Jesus" – and I worry. How can I be? I'm not good enough, never will be - so much of what I am and do cannot possibly be all that you love in a friend.

Then you say, quite simply

"You did not choose me, but I chose you" (John 15b & 16a)

with all the love and forgiveness that is in those few words - what kind of man is this? I wonder - so much love to share.

...and I'm overwhelmed...deeply humbled.

Lord, just let me pause for a moment and think about your amazing words - you chose me...to be your friend.

Loving Lord, now, looking back, I reflect on times when so often I've turned to you, sometimes a bit half-heartedly, unsure if the thing that was bothering me was important enough to bring to You, and you've simply taken the problem away - lovingly, compassionately.

And now I realise that you have always loved me as your Father loved you.

And from somewhere deep in my heart, I realise that, by your loving grace, it's not a question of "how can I be good enough to be your friend?" it's

"How can I let myself be loved by you?"

And I ask you for humility and grace to do just that.

To let myself be loved by you – my friend.

Perhaps some of these words resonate with you? The last question I wonder? Give thanks.

Pat.