



Paul, His Life and Teachings

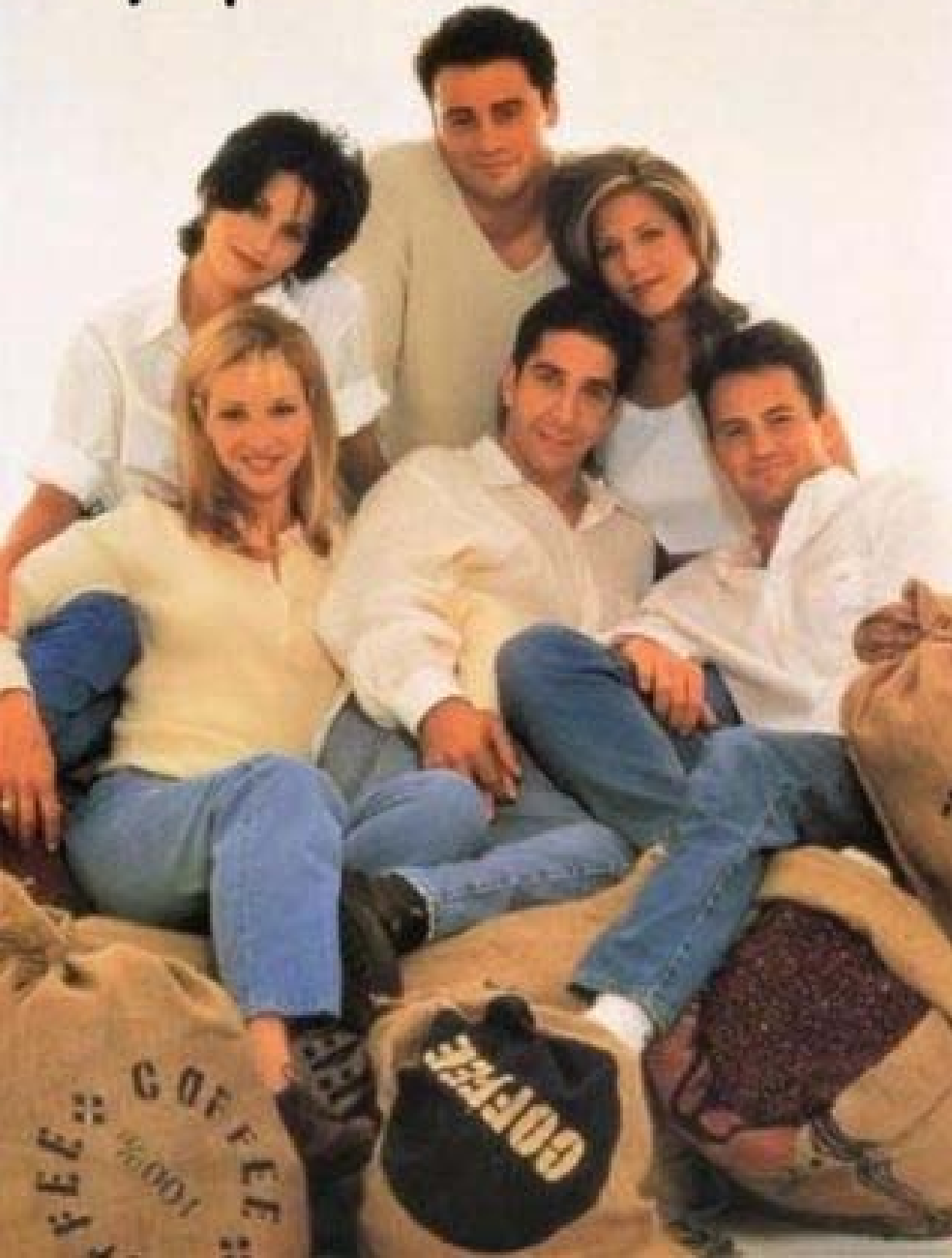
Paul's Friends and Co-Workers

Lesson 8

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Though one may be
overpowered, two
can defend
themselves. A cord
of three strands is
not quickly broken”
(Ecclesiastes 4:12)

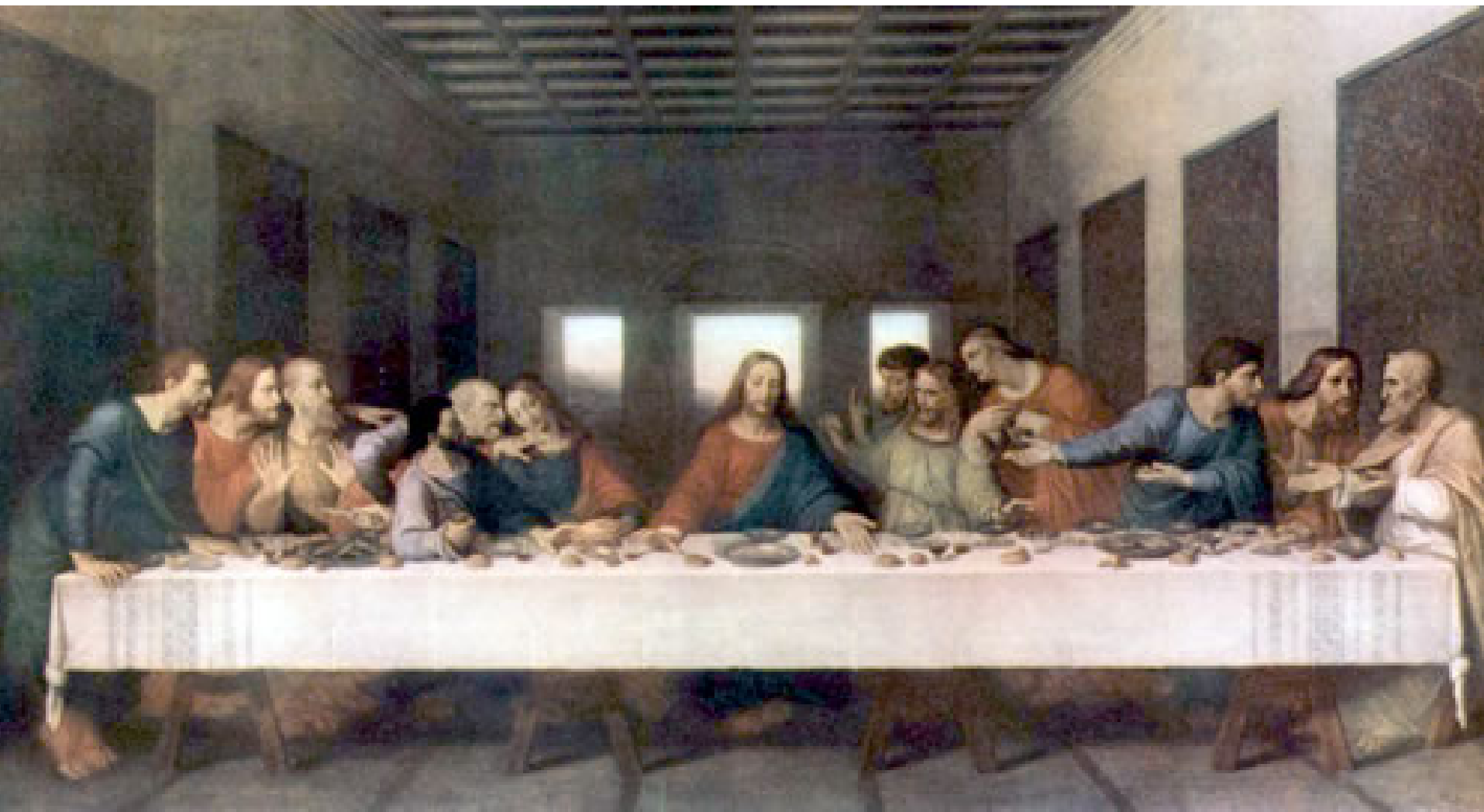
God relates to us as: Creator



God relates to us as: Father



God relates to us as: Friend



God relates to us as: Friend



“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13)

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Let me inside
your church.

Paul tried to join up with the church, but was not allowed!



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“They were afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple” (Acts 9:26)

Enter Barnabas



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- Joseph of Cyprus



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- Nickname: “Son of Encouragement”

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- A true believer who put his money where his mouth was

Barnabas brought Paul to church!



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Paul was able to go “in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord” (Acts 9:28)

Friendship involves risks and hard work. Putting yourself on the line for one in need



Paul the hunter became the hunted!



Paul the hunter became the hunted!





Rom

Athen

Korinth

Tarsus

Damascus

Jerusalem



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Tarsus

Antioch

Damascus

Jerusalem

Barnabas goes to Tarsus to find Paul and together they teach “Christians” for a year





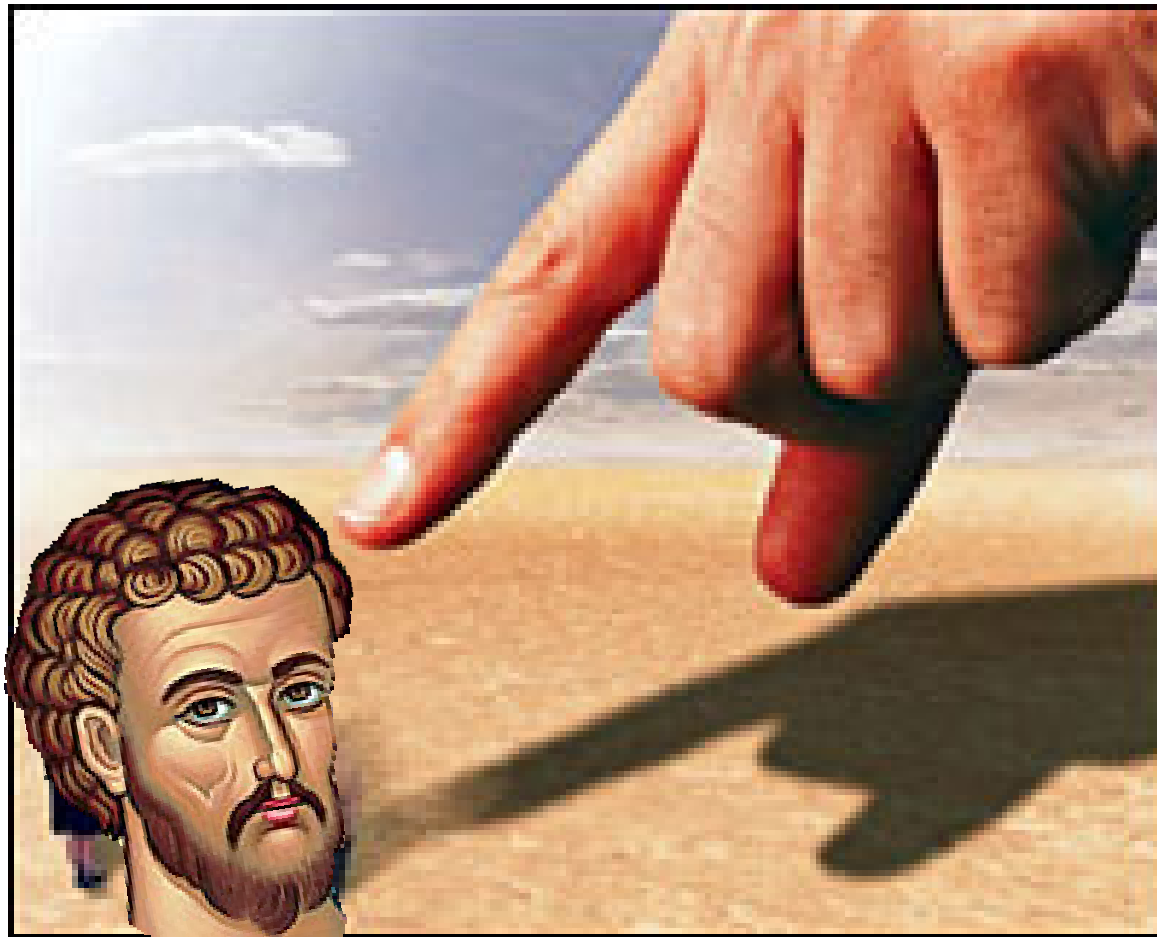
Friendship
involves time
together – it
does not just
“happen”



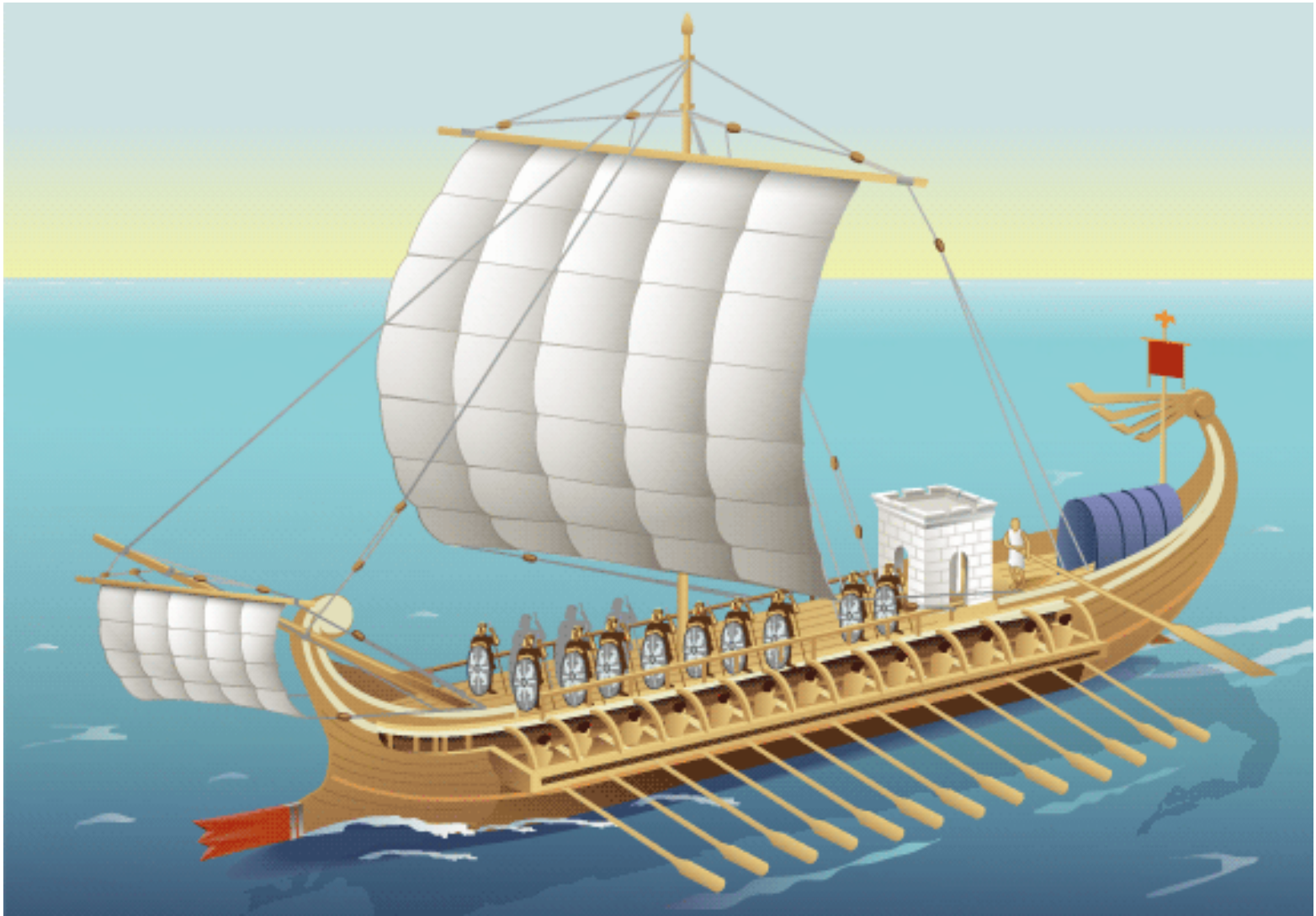
Trouble in Antioch!

“Even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy”
(Gal 2:9)

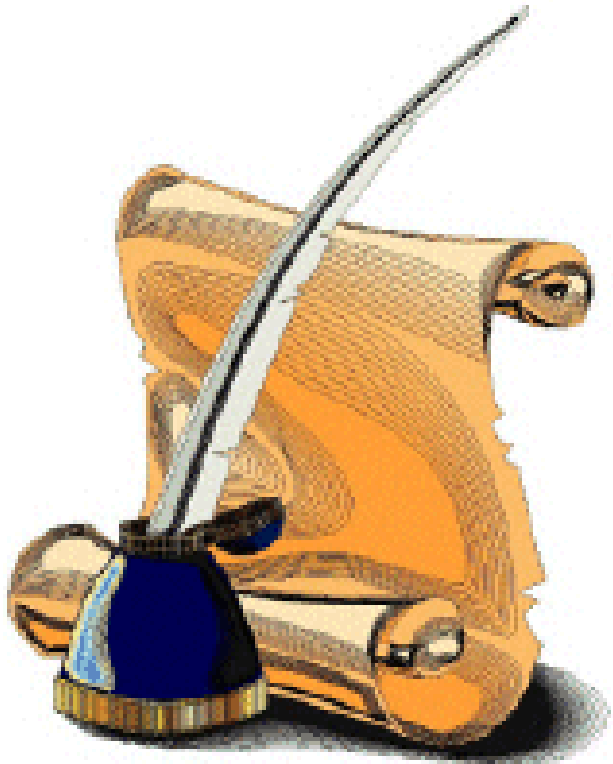
Paul “opposed him to his face” for conduct that “was not in step with the gospel” (Gal. 2:14)



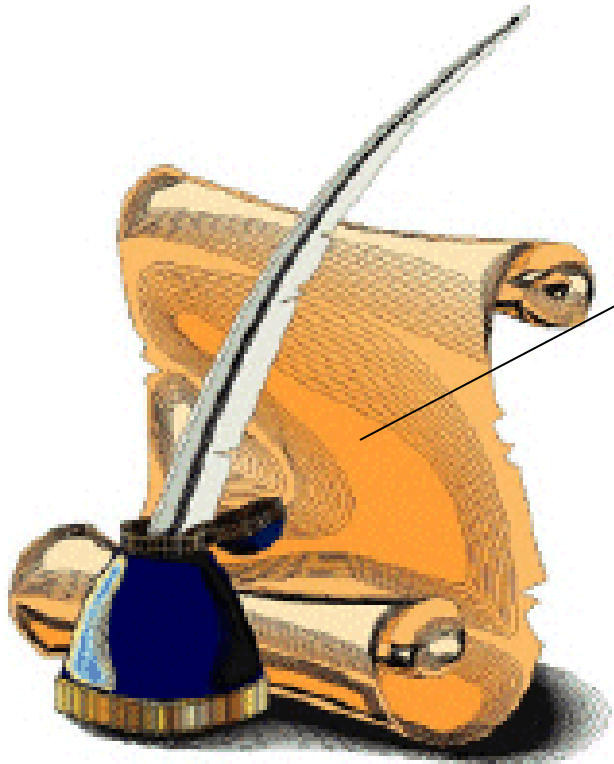
Paul gently helps and forgives,
continuing to work together



Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem
to detail their mission trip



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“we all agreed to
choose some men and
send them to you with
our *dear friends*
Barnabas and Paul”

Friendship is not possessive. Friends are happy when others join the circle.



Does John Mark go on
mission trip 2?



Friendship can involve differences in opinion, even sharp disagreement, without the loss of relationship.



BTW, Barnabas is still a friend, and John Mark becomes that and much more



Points for Home: Get friends!

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“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother”
(Pro. 18:24)

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“A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity”
(Pro. 17:17)

Points for Home: Get friends!

HOW???

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HOW???

- Get involved

Points for Home: Get friends!

HOW???

- Get involved
- Serve others



“The righteous
chooses his
friends carefully,
the way of the
wicked leads them
astray”
(Prov. 12:26)

Points for Home: Need a best
friend! Jesus!

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“You are my
friends if you do
what I
command”
(Jn. 15:14)

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“I have called you friends ...
You did not choose me, but I chose you”
(Jn. 16:15-16)

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HOW???

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HOW???

- Invest time and energy

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For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”
(Mt. 6:21)

Point for Home: Thank God for your friends



“Every good and perfect gift is from above” (Jms 1:17)