

Day #1 – Real Friends are Loyal

Watch the full “Real Friends are Loyal” message by Pastors Jimmy and Kim Witcher at tfc.org/messages.

Pastors Jimmy and Kim finished up our Howdy Friends series yesterday with a message on “Real Friends are Loyal”. In this series, we have learned about the kind of friends we want to be. One of the most significant values of friendship is loyalty.

“Remember, you don’t need a certain number of friends, just a number of friends you can be certain of.” - Unknown

It is so important to be a friend that is there through the thick and thin and when times get tough. We want to have our friends backs, even when they are not in the room! Loyalty is constant and steady, even when forces try to bring it down.

Relationships take time and they go through seasons.

In the beginning, there is the “spring time” of planting and sowing. During this time, we are investing seeds in new friendships or refreshing existing friendships - going to coffee, pressing into one another, etc.

Then in the “summer season” of friendships, there is hoeing, weeding, fertilizing, and nurturing of your relationships. During this time, you are putting work into your friendships but also letting God do His thing!

During the “fall” of your friendships, the harvest begins! You start to reap the joys and fun of friendship! You can laugh, spend quality time, and really see the fruit of your labor.

In every relationship, there is a “winter” season. This is where the times can get tough. This may be a time when you are going through a difficult season in your life. Loyalty proves itself during the winter season!

When we are there for our friends and we stand loyal in tough times, we’re being the type of friend God wants us to be! This time transforms us, allows us to engage and let the richness of friendships shine through!