



We discussed “lamb chop evangelization” a couple of weeks ago, where we hope our witness attracts people to our Lord and Community. Sometimes we struggle being that joyful witness. Sometimes our lamb chop lacks effectiveness. Our walk can be a struggle even for ourselves. Our ability to hear the Shepherd clearly is hampered, or the attacks of the devil or the world can make our lamb chop a bit dry. We are blessed though to have our Community brothers and sisters to support our walk with the Lord. We pray for each other; we are there when a person or family has a need. We have all taken turns carrying and being carried by our brothers and sisters. Are we just friends as the world promotes friendship? No, we are called to have genuine, Christ-like friendships. We try our best to love as Christ loves us. Are we always successful? Probably not. Do we sometimes fail at genuine love? Probably. Let's use this week to let our love move from our heads and hearts to action, with our words and deeds.

This week we are listening to a highlight from *Qualities of a Friend* by Chuck Swindoll. He is a protestant pastor featured on KCBI here in the metroplex and has been a widely respected preacher nationally for many years. His message for us is that **genuine** friends are rare. He uses Jesus' challenge to us in John 15:12 “Love one another as I have loved you”. For many in the world that seems like an incredibly hard feat to live out, yet we

are gifted with a roadmap, our covenant. It provides insight on how to live John 15:12 as best as we humanly can.

Week 3 Audio: [Highlight from "Qualities of a Friend" by Chuck Swindoll](#)

Personal Challenge: Ask the Holy Spirit to place a community member you have not talked to in a while on your heart and then call them ask how you can pray for them. And to really live out John 15:12, actually make a point to pray with them when you call.

As a bonus this week, let's pray and ask if there is someone God is calling each of us to reach out to in love who is estranged either from you or the Community. "Holy Spirit lead us and give us courage to love how Jesus' has asked us to!"

"Family" challenge: A unique gift we have in the Christian Community of God's Delight is a whole group of people who at a moment's notice surround us in prayer. This weeks' challenge is to practice learning how to pray for others by asking a parent, sibling, spouse or a loved one how you can pray for them this week. Write their name on a post-it and put it on your bathroom mirror, bedroom door, or some place you are sure to see and pray for them each day.

*Note: For the adults, this "Family" Challenge is the perfect opportunity to check in with your Let the Fire Fall accountability partner (or to find one!). See how they are doing with the challenges and how you can pray for him/her to continue to prepare his/her heart for Pentecost.

Blessings,

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