

# GRACE IN FRIENDSHIP

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James P. Sullivan  
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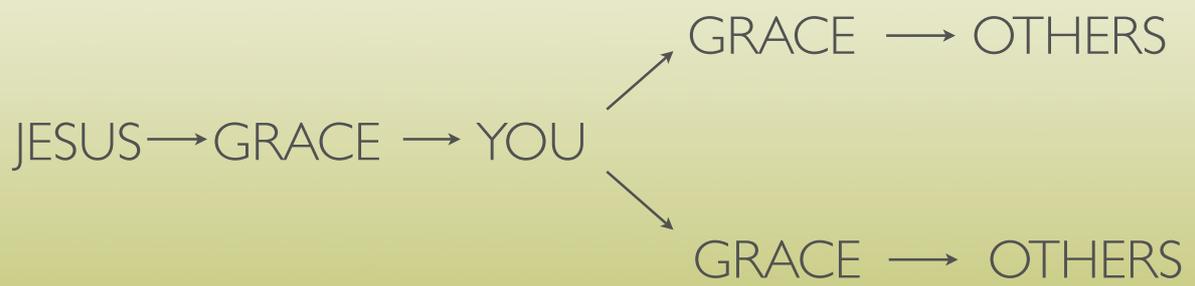
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TRUST & CONFIDENCE

Friendship is not:

- Self-seeking (me-centered)
- To please the other person so I feel better





But friendship is  
ALL ABOUT  
GRACE



“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it careful round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket--safe, dark, motionless, airless--it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. . . The only place outside of Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers . . . of love is Hell.” ~ C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*



# Vulnerability



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“We like our relationships symmetrical. If I like you, I want you to like me back. Actually, that isn’t quite true. If I like you, I want you to like me back a little more than I like you. We prefer to be liked, loved, admired more than we want to like, love or admire. That imbalance gives power in a relationship, and by power I mean the less invested person has less chance of being hurt. So goes the arithmetic of human relationships until Jesus shows how things are supposed to be.”

~ Edward T. Welch “What do you think of me? Why do I care?”

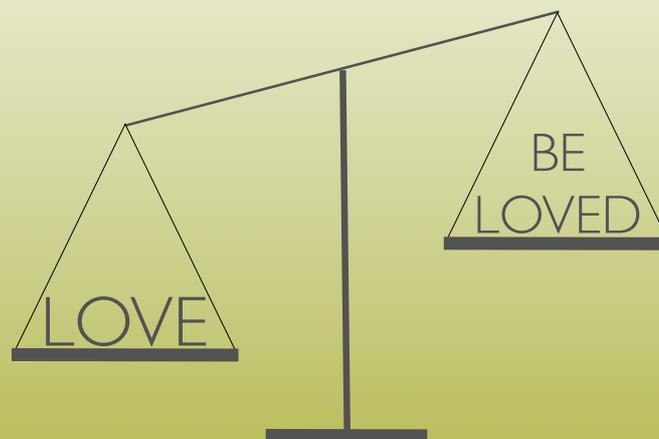


“If you want to know more about yourself, turn to Jesus. When you look at him, you see the way you were intended to be. No, you weren’t intended to raise the dead and turn water into wine, but you were created in the image of God, and Jesus is **the** image.”

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## LOVE MORE THAN NEED



# GRACE IS OUR CALLING

