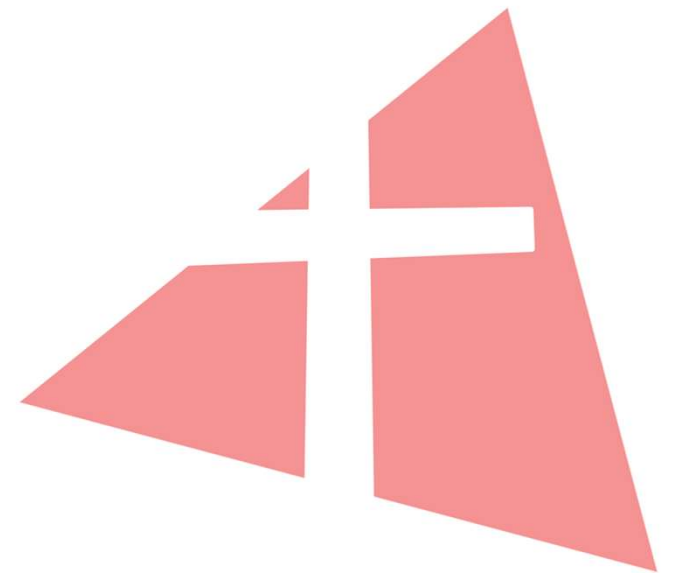


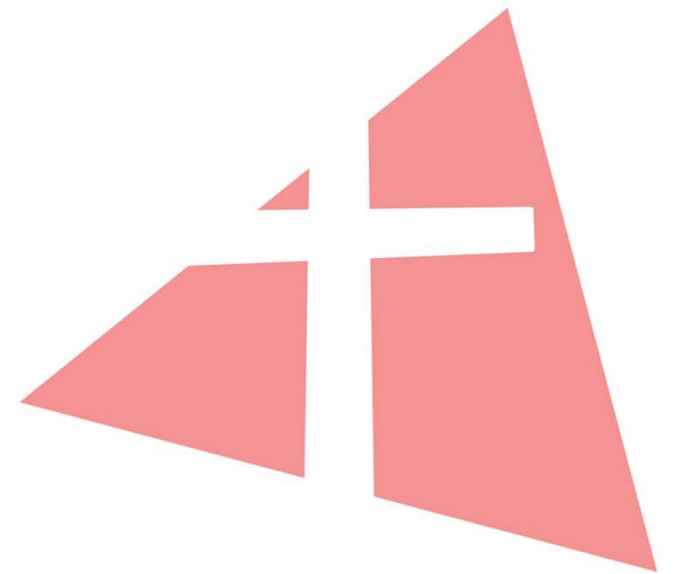
Encountering God: Jesus calls us friends

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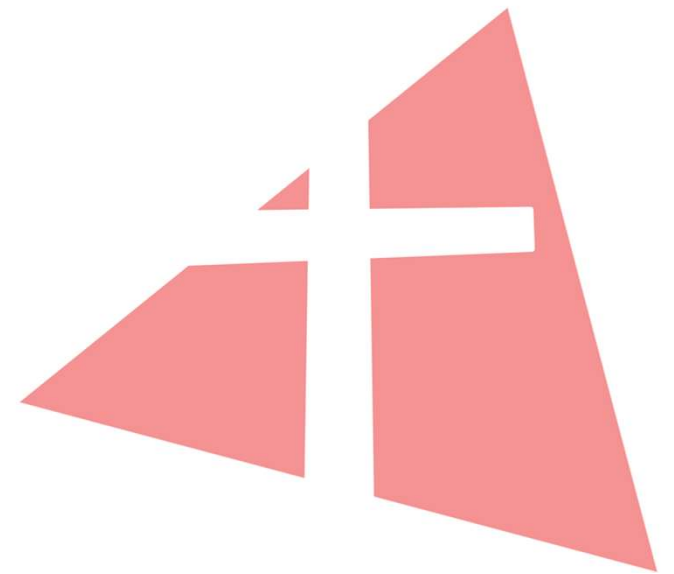
Our series

- **Encountering God**
 - The Father's Heart



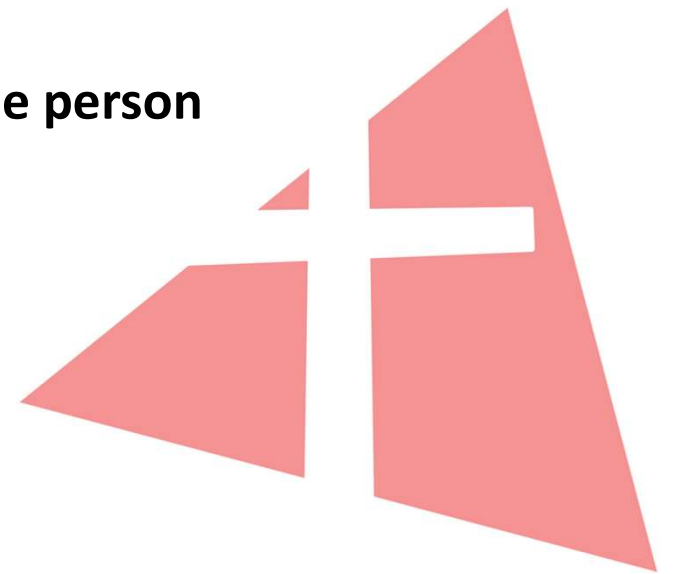
Today's Focus

- **Jesus calls us friends**
 - Shorter Message
 - Then soaking



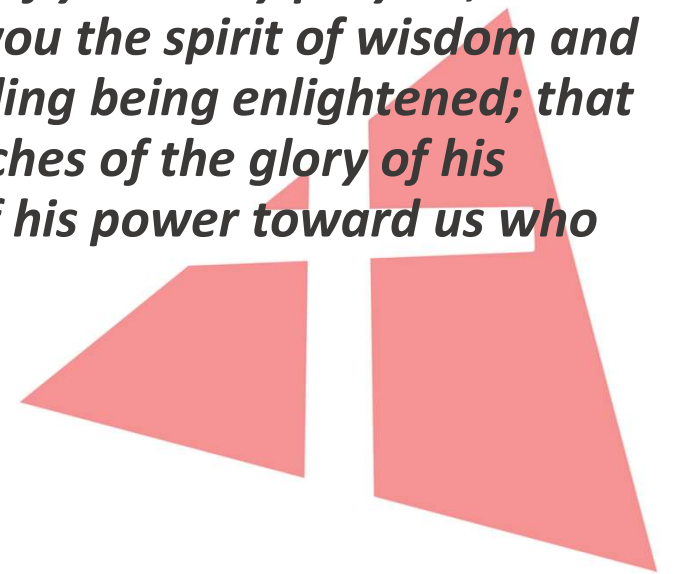
An important distinction

- **Knowing things about someone is not the same as knowing the person**



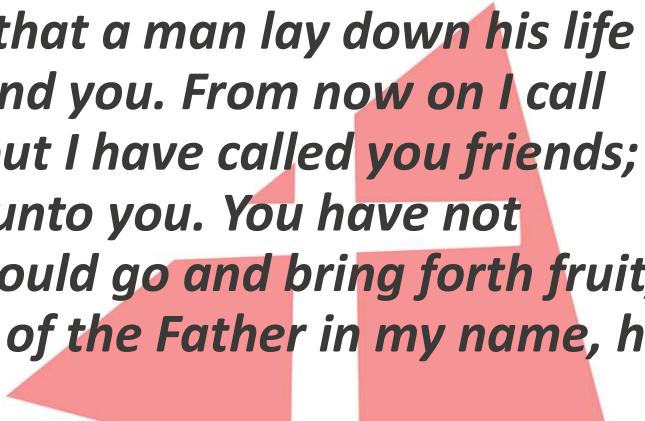
It takes God to know God

Ephesians 1:15-19 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,



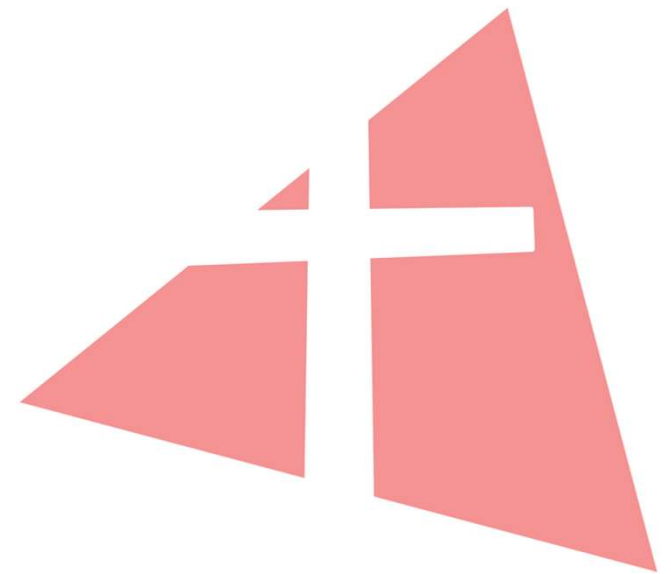
Our passage today

John 15:9-16 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue you in my love. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. From now on I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.



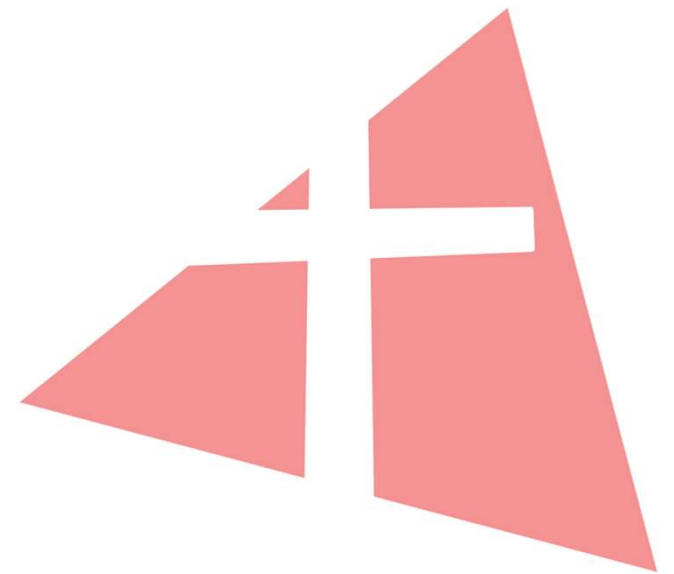
Four key elements

- Love
- Joy
- Friendship
- Fruit



The Condition

- **Obedience**



God's Offer

- **Love, Joy, Friendship and Fruit**
 - To the fullest
 - For us to enjoy

