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WHO AM I IN CHRIST?



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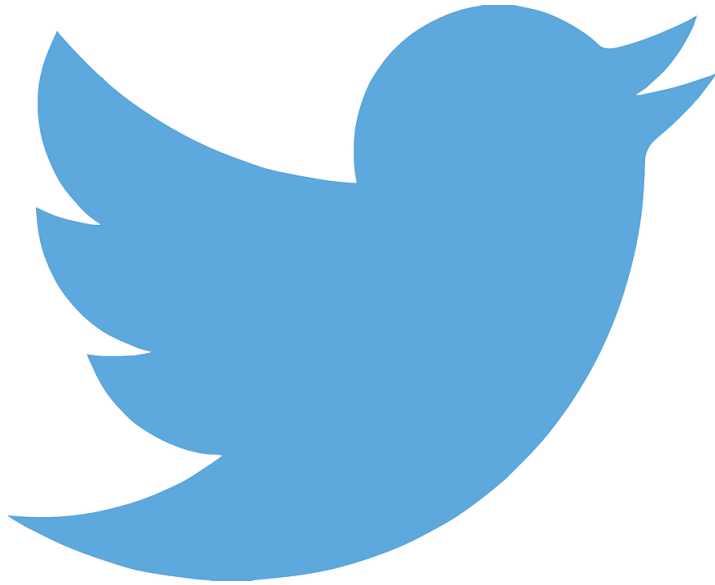
I AM A FRIEND

A RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD
REQUIRES

INTIMACY

HELLO
my name is





A RELATIONSHIP
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INTIMACY



Scripture indicates that **God** knows **us** intimately (Jeremiah 1:5; Matthew 10:30).

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD REQUIRES INTIMACY



Scripture indicates that God desires for **us** to know **Him** intimately (Colossians 1:10; James 4:8).

Consider **Moses** who spoke to God
“as a man speaks to his **friend**”
(Exodus 33:11). Moses asked God to
“Show me your **glory**” and God
obliged (Exodus 33:18).



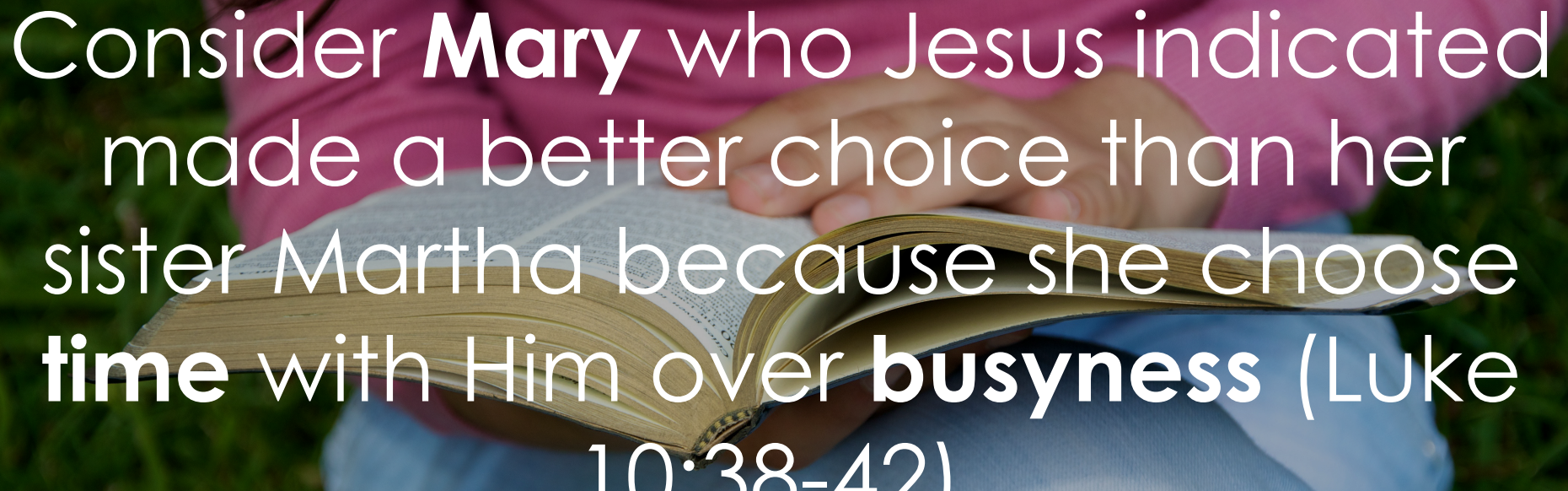
EXODUS 33:12-13

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, **THAT I MAY KNOW YOU IN ORDER TO FIND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT.**”



A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD REQUIRES INVESTMENT



A close-up photograph of a person wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt, holding an open book with both hands. The book is open to a page with text, and the person's hands are positioned as if they are reading. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Consider **Mary** who Jesus indicated made a better choice than her sister Martha because she choose **time** with Him over **busyness** (Luke 10:38-42).



Luke 10:38-42

Mary,...sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD REQUIRES INVESTMENT



There are **168** hours in a week & if your time with God is limited to congregational assemblies then He's only getting **2%** of your week.

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD REQUIRES INVESTMENT



Often what is most needed is for us to “Be **still**, and know that [He is] **God**” (Psalm 46:10).

**A RELATIONSHIP
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INCLUSION**



Consider **Abraham** who is called a “**friend** of God” (2 Chronicles 20:7; James 2:23). God felt compelled to **communicate** His plans for Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham.

Genesis 18:17

The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?”

The background of the lower half of the image features a dark silhouette of a desert landscape with rolling hills and several pyramids. In the center, there are two figures: one standing with arms raised and another kneeling or bowing, suggesting a scene of prayer or divine revelation.

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD REQUIRES INCLUSION



God has communicated His **will** to us, and has allowed us to know what His grand **plan** is through His **word** (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD REQUIRES INCLUSION



God does not expect inclusion to be **one-sided**. He expects us to communicate with Him through **prayer** (Philippians 4:6)



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