always sing...I love you."

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## HE'S ALIVE!...in me

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends...I have called you friends... Jesus John 15:13-15 (NLT)

## Key Understanding:

Jesus considers you his	, and
because of that friendship, he	

- 1) It's important to understand \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus came to view us as his friend.
- 2) It's important to understand the significance of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is and why his friendship is so
- *3) It's important to understand he had to die.*
- 4) It's very important to understand what is the consequence of our \_\_\_\_\_\_ to his friendship.

**Remans 5:6-8** When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (NLT)

**Luke 15:8-10** Or suppose a woman has ten valuable silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and look in every corner of the house and sweep every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her because she has found her

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lost coin. In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents. (NLT) **Romans 5:10-11** For we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies... So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God — all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God. (NLT)

## Key Understanding:

It's not an *easy* friendship; it's a \_\_\_\_\_\_ friendship - A Friendship that requires our \_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (ESV)

**1 Corinthians 1:9** God will surely do this for you, for he always does just what he says, and he is the one who invited you into this wonderful friendship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NLT)

**Romans 4:25** He was handed over to die because of our sins and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God. (NLT)

**1 Corinthians 15:3-20** I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church... But tell me thissince we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. (NLT)

**Remans 8:11** The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you, just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same



Spirit living within you. (NLT)

"Lord, come to me, hold me up 'cause I can barely stand. My strength is gone and my breath is short, I can't reach out my hands. But my heart is set on a pilgrimage to heaven's own bright King. So in faltering or victory, I will