

Jesus was talking with his friends. He said to them, 'I have loved you the way my Father has loved me. Stay close; abide in my love. * If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love. I have kept my Father's commands and I remain in his love.'



Jesus continued: 'I've told you these things so that you may be full of joy; that my joy may be yours. This is my command: love one another in the way I have loved you. Make sacrifices for your friends; * no one can love their friends more than by doing this.'

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are my friends when you do the things I command. I don't call you servants. Servants don't understand what their master is planning. No, I call you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.' *

He added, 'Remember, you didn't choose me. I chose you. And I put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that will last. Whatever you ask the Father for in my name, he will give you. Remember: love one another.'

John 15:9-17

* See *Share the Word*.