**Genesis 18: I WILL BE GOD’S “FRIEND” IN MY …**

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**Abraham Was A Friend Of God:**

*“But you, Israel, my servant,   Jacob, whom I have chosen,  you descendants of* ***Abraham my friend****,* Isaiah 41:8

*Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of* ***Abraham your friend****?* 2 Chronicles 20:7

*And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and* ***he was called God's friend****.*

James 2:27

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**#1) …Schedule, AVAILABLE Anytime.**

***The Lord****appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his* *tent in the* ***heat of the day****.* Genesis 18:1

**#2) … Reverence In HUMILITY.**

***2****Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and* ***bowed low*** *to the ground.* Genesis 18:2

**#3) … Willingness To SERVE.**

***3****He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes,****my lord,*** *do not pass your servant by.****4****Let a little* ***water*** *be brought, and then you may all* ***wash your feet****and* ***rest*** *under this tree.****5****Let me get you something to* ***eat****, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”* Genesis 18:3-5

**#4) … Gives Our BEST.**

***6****So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahsof the* ***finest flour*** *and knead it and bake some bread.”* ***7****Then he ran to the herd and selected a* ***choice, tender calf****and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it.****8****He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.* Genesis 18:6-8

**#5) … Is OBEDIENT.**

***9****“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said.* ***10****Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.****11****Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing.****12****So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”* Genesis 18:9-12

***13****Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’****14****Is anything too hard for the*

*Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”* ***15Sarah was afraid****, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”* Genesis 18:13-15

***16****When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward* ***Sodom****, and* ***Abraham walked along with them*** *to see them on their way.****17****Then the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?*

***18****Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.****19****For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”* Genesis 18:16-19