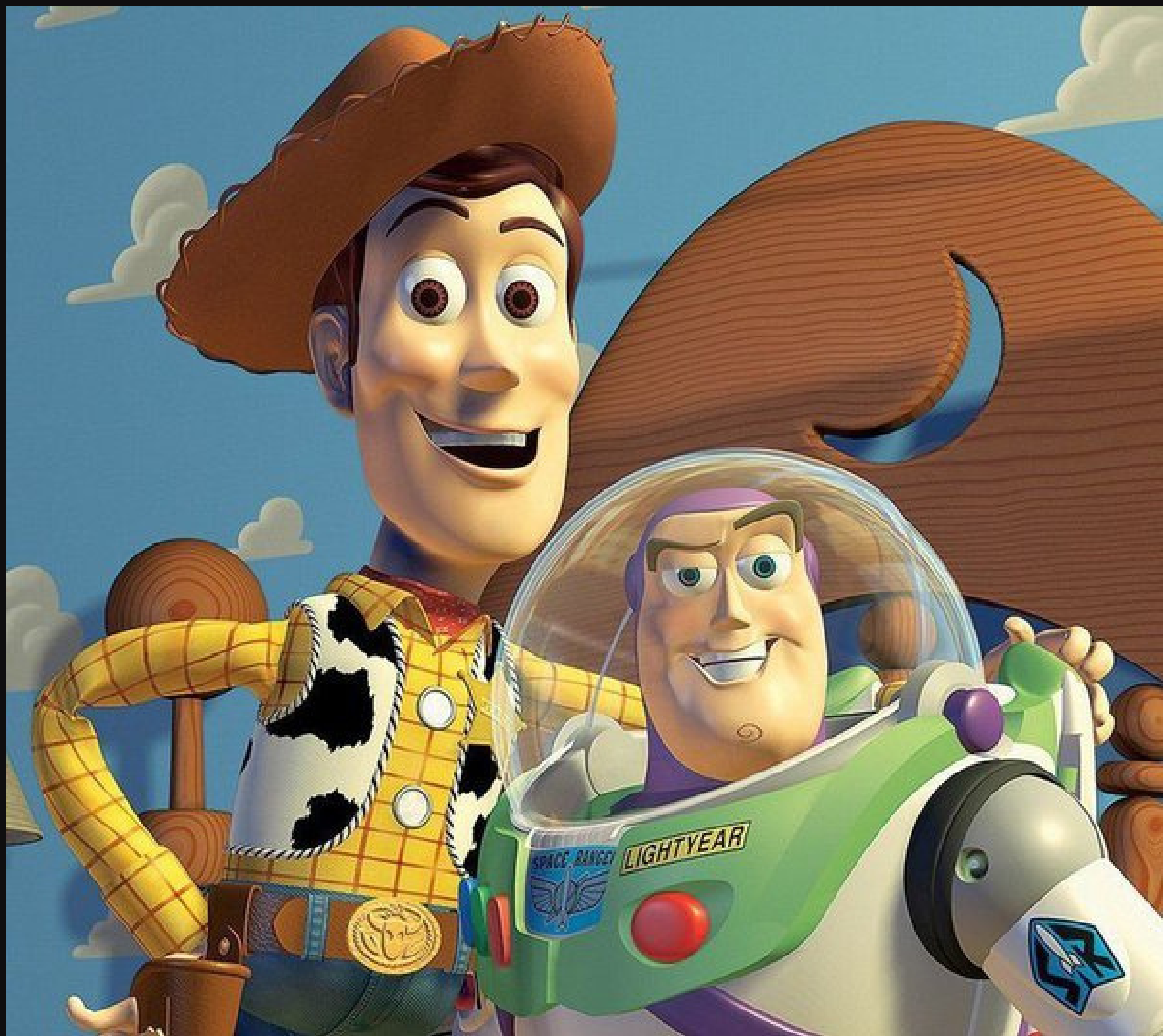
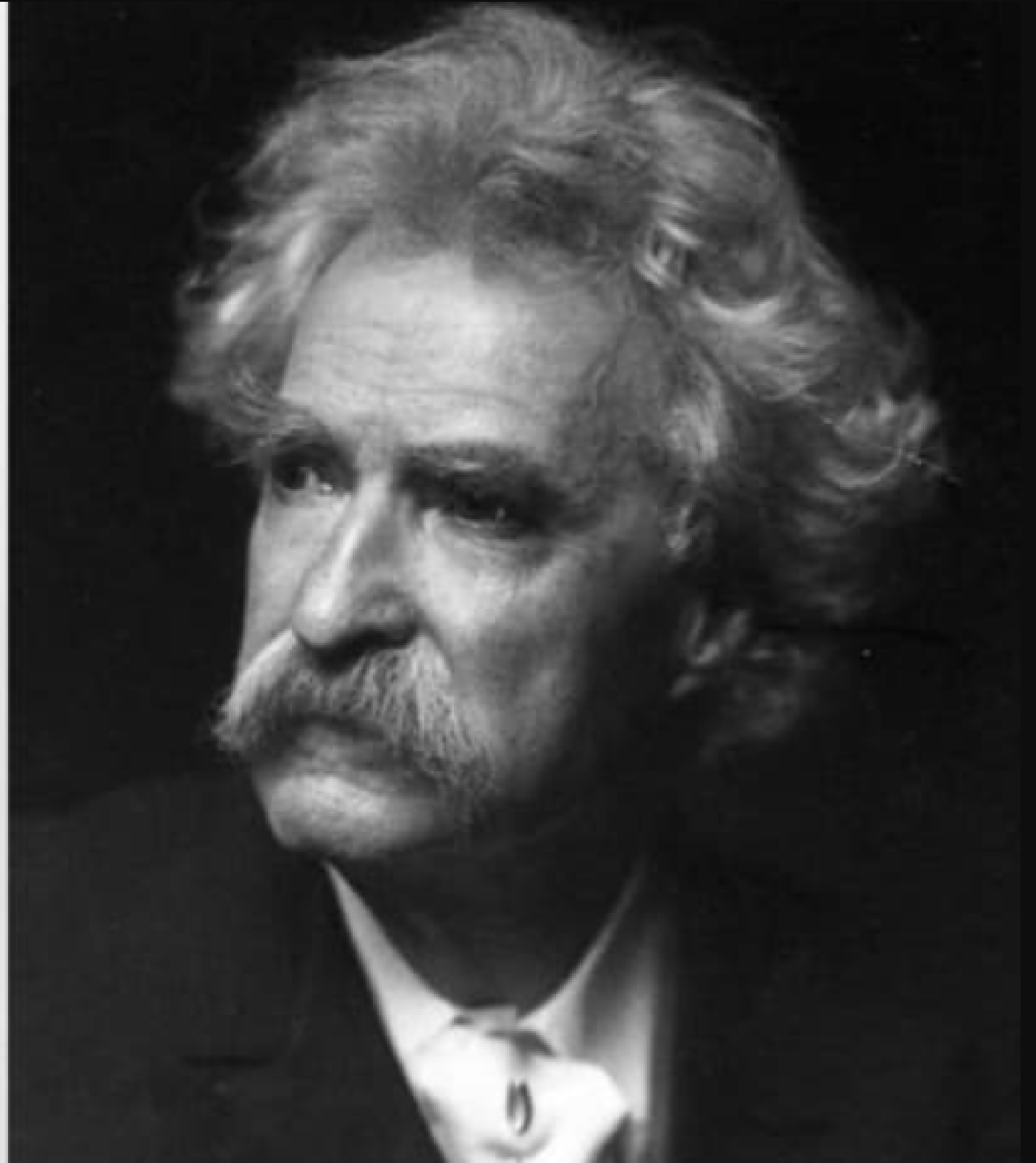


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A Friend Indeed











Would there be a King David
without Jonathan?

David's sin with Bathsheba was
not the turning point in David's
life.

It was the death of Jonathan.

1 Samuel 18: 1 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.

1 Samuel 20: 41 After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together—but **David wept the most.**

2 Samuel 1: 25 “How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your heights. 26 I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. **Your love for me was wonderful**, more wonderful than that of women.

I Samuel 23: 15 While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. 16 And Saul's son **Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God.** 17 "Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this."

1 Samuel 20: 12 Then Jonathan said to David, “I swear by the Lord, the God of Israel, that I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know? 13 But if my father intends to harm you, may the Lord deal with Jonathan, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away in peace. May the Lord be with you as he has been with my father.

1 Samuel 20: 14 But show me unfailing kindness like the Lord's kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, 15 and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the Lord has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth.”

1 Samuel 20: 16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord call David’s enemies to account.” 17 And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because **he loved him as he loved himself.**

1 Samuel 20: 41 After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. **Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most.**

1 Samuel 20: 42 Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘The Lord is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

What Jonathan did for David
Jesus does for us.

Like Jonathan
Jesus was a fool.

Jesus was a fool

because he gave up so much

Philippians 2: 6 Though he **was God**,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.

7 Instead, he **gave up his divine privileges**;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.

Jesus was a fool

because he gave up so much
for us

Romans 3: 23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Jesus was a fool

because he chose God's will over
his own.

John 5: 19 Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Jesus was a fool

because he willingly entered into a
covenant with us which cost him
greatly.

Jeremiah 31: 31 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,

“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,

Jeremiah 31: because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to[d] them,”
declares the Lord.

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people
of Israel

after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

Luke 22: 19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant in my blood**, which is poured out for you.

Our friendship with Jesus

provides us with help to
accomplish God's will.

1 Samuel 23: 16 And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God.

John 15: 26 “But when the **Helper** comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Our friendship with Jesus

gives us peace in a sea of trouble.

John 14: 27 Peace I leave with you; my **peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Jesus is
our friend!

John 15: 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

How do we show friendship
to Jesus?

John 15: 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, **I have called you friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

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