

Living in a Way That Pleases God (Part 1)

Based on chapter 12 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on jw.org.

OBJECTIVE: Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE A FRIEND OF GOD?

1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

Why might some people say no?

Why might some say yes?

What do *you* believe?

Why do you believe that?

2

EXAMINE WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

Faithful humans in Bible times were friends of God.

(See chapter 12 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 1-3.)

Read Daniel 9:23, Acts 13:22, and James 2:23.

Give three examples of humans whom God considered to be his friends.

Read Genesis 22:18.

Why did God view these people as his friends? (Clue: See Psalm 25:14.)



Just as true friends support one another in times of distress, our best Friend, Jehovah, is there when we need him

Jehovah strengthens his friends to do what is right.

(See chapter 12 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 4-5.)

Read 2 Chronicles 16:9.

According to this verse, what is Jehovah eager to do?

Read Psalm 32:8 and 55:22.

What are two ways that Jehovah helps his friends?

How do you feel knowing that Jehovah invites you to be his friend?

3

EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

Since God is almighty, it isn't possible for humans to be close to him.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

Many people would probably agree with that statement. But I believe differently because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

Only extraordinary people can be friends of God.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

It is true that the Bible tells of outstanding things that some of God's friends have accomplished. But I believe that *anyone* has the opportunity to be God's friend because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?