

“Adam was not lonely because he was imperfect, but because he was perfect. The ache for friends is the one ache that is not the result of sin...This is one ache that is part of his perfection... God made us in such a way that we cannot enjoy paradise without friends. God made us in such a way that we cannot enjoy our joy without human friends. Adam had a perfect quiet time every day, 24 hours. He never had a dry one, and yet he needed [friends.]”

**Tim Keller**

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“Very often the way we use technology leads away from, rather than into, stronger friendships. We often trade deep communion for digital communication.”

**Drew Hunter**

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“Friendship must be about something, even if it were only an enthusiasm for dominoes or white mice. Those who have nothing can share nothing; those who are going nowhere can have no fellow-travellers.”

**C. S. Lewis**

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“God’s friendship is more precious than that of the whole world.”

**Martin Luther**

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“By conversation, not only is friendship maintained and nourished, but the felicity [joy] of friendship is tasted and enjoyed... Conversation between God and mankind in this world, is maintained by God’s word on his part, and by prayers on ours.”

**Jonathan Edwards**

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“You can trust us to stick to you through thick and thin—to the bitter end. and you can trust us to keep any secrets of yours—closer than you yourself keep it. But you cannot trust us to let you face trouble alone, and go off without a word. We are your friends, Frodo. Anyway: there it is. We know most of what Gandalf has told you. We know a good deal about the ring. We are horribly afraid – but we are coming with you; or following you like hounds.”

**J. R. R. Tolkien**

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“Those are the golden sessions... when our slippers are on, our feet spread out toward the blaze and our drinks at our elbows; when the whole world, and something beyond the world, opens itself to our minds as we talk... at the same time an Affection mellowed by the years enfolds us. Life – natural life – has no better gift to give.”

**C. S. Lewis**