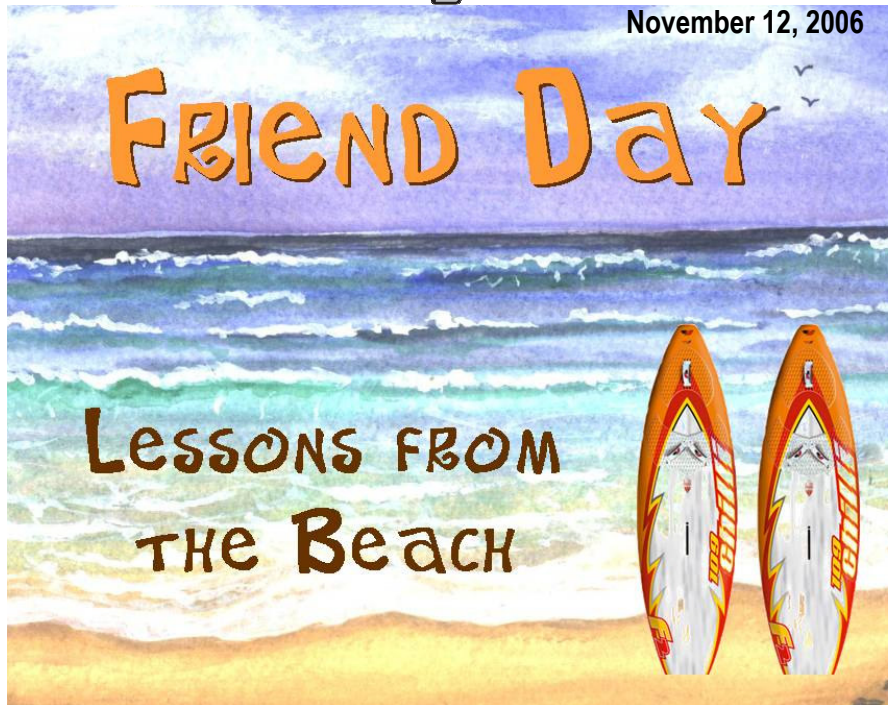


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● When you study the Bible which is the foundation of so much of western civilization, you find out that God is a **relational** God. We were created for **friendships**.

● The mind blowing thought I want us to be overwhelmed by this morning is that we can be **friends** of God. **John 15:15**

● Contrary to conventional thinking, we do not pop out of the womb and down the roads of life as friends with God.

Colossians 1:21

● So how is it that people so far away from God in their natural state can become friends of God? And what kind of friend is He?

LESSON ONE--A PICTURE OF PROVISION. **Luke 5:1-10**

■ **FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE IMPORTANT.**

Matthew 13:2

■ **GETTING TO KNOW YOU.**

- ◆ At the beginning of every new friendship there is often times an awkward period of finding out **who each other is** as a person.

■ **A REAL FRIEND PROVIDES FOR YOUR NEEDS AS BEST THEY CAN.**

- ◆ God loves to give to His children. **Philippians 4:19**
- ◆ Not everything you **want**. Everything you **need**.

LESSON TWO--a PICTURE OF PROTECTION. **Mark 4:35-41**

■ **BIG STORM RISING.**

■ **STORMS COME IN OTHER FORMS.**

- ◆ The **protection** God gives His children comes in different forms too. **2 Corinthians 4:17; John 14:1-7**
- ◆ *“Sometimes He calms the **storm**, sometimes He calms His **child**.”*

LESSON THREE--a PICTURE OF SALVATION. **Mtt 14:22-33**

■ **JESUS THE LIFE GUARD.**

■ **A LIFE GUARD'S MISSION.**

- ◆ A life guard's mission is to _____.

■ **A PICTURE OF SALVATION.**

- ◆ Jesus came to be the ultimate life guard. He came to **save** people. **Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 1:15**

Next Week: Thanksgiving Sunday