

**This is Us**  
**True Friends**  
**Proverbs 17:17**

**Genesis 2** <sup>18</sup> *It is not good for the man to be alone.*

**Matthew 7** <sup>12</sup> *So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

**1. True friends invest time in us.**

**Proverbs 18** <sup>24</sup> *There are persons for companionship, but then there are friends who are more loyal than family. (CEB)*

**Philippians 2** <sup>4</sup> *Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. (NLT)*

**2. True friends earn our trust.**

**Proverbs 20** <sup>6</sup> *Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable? (NLT)*

**1 Corinthians 13** <sup>7</sup> *Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (NLT)*

**3. True friends hold us accountable.**

**Proverbs 27** <sup>6</sup> *Wounds made by a friend are intended to help, but an enemy's kisses are too much to bear. (GW)*

**4. True friends love us unconditionally.**

**Proverbs 17** <sup>17</sup> *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. (NIV)*

**5. True friends add to our joy in God.**

**Proverbs 16** <sup>20</sup> *Those who trust the LORD will be joyful. (NLT)*