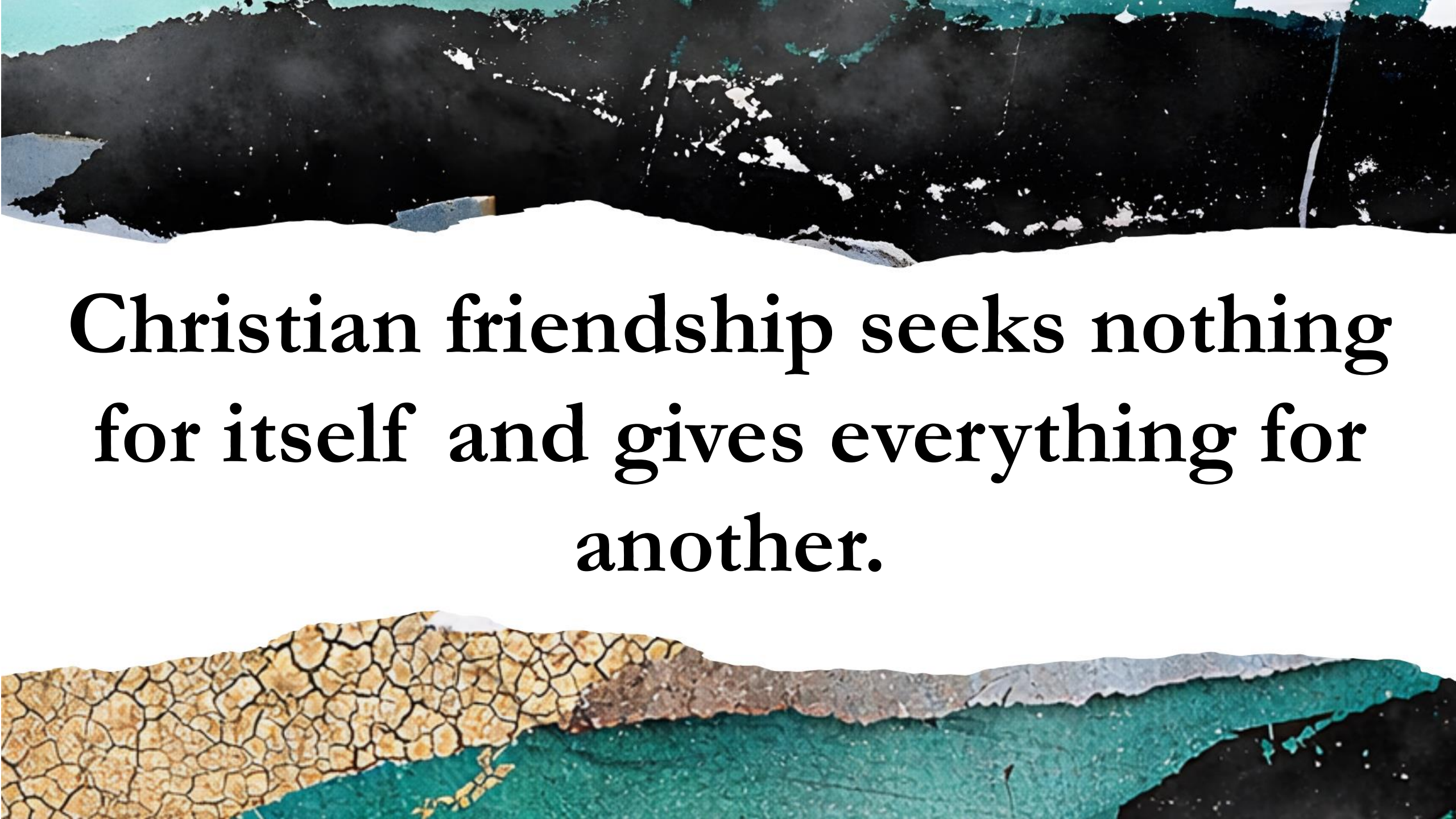


**What A Friend We Have
In Jesus
Proverbs 17:17**

1. Friendship Created
Genesis 1-2



**Christian friendship seeks nothing
for itself and gives everything for
another.**



2. Friendship Lost

Genesis 3:7-9



Genesis 3:9

But the Lord God called to the man and said to him,
“Where are you?”



3. Friendship Restored



James 2:23

and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"--**and he was called a friend of God.**



Exodus 33:11

Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, **as a man speaks to his friend.**



Proverbs 17:17

A Friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.



4. Friendship Perfected in Christ



John 15:15

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; **but I have called you friends**, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.



John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for
his **friends**.



What will you do with the Friend
who has come looking for you?



The gospel is the story of the Friend
who came looking for us when we were
hiding.





5. Friendship Displayed Through the Church

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Friendship in the Church:

- **Reject Shallow Friendships**

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Friendship in the Church:

- Reject Shallow Friendships
- Pursue Intentional Friendships



Friendship in the Church:

- Reject Shallow Friendships
- Pursue Intentional Friendships
- Show up in Adversity



Friendship in the Church:

- Speak the Truth in
Love
- Live Like Jesus

What Now?

- Come to the Friend who came looking for you.



What Now?

- Become the kind of friend Christ has been to you.



What Now?

- Walk toward
Christ together.

