



AMIGA CON DERECHO

Friends With Benefits

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OPENING PRAYER:

Father God, You have written that friendship with the world is enmity with You that whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself Your enemy. Help us Lord, encourage us, give us the courage to place Your will before ours, and to give Your kingdom priority over the kings and kingdoms of the world. You alone are God, Master, Savior, and Friend of those who love you. Amen.

ICEBREAKER:

In a fish tank divided in half by a glass plate, the fish become so conditioned that they can only go so far in the tank that even when the glass is removed they will still go no further than where the glass barrier was. The same holds true for us. The devil is our glass barrier. We can't see him but he so effectively turns us away from the fullness of where we can go spiritually, that even when the devil isn't at work against us we continue to keep ourselves contained where we are. This barrier is removed for us the moment we surrender our lives to Jesus.

What do you suppose could now be available to us on the other side of our own self-imposed barriers?

ENCOURAGEMENT:

When we make an agreement with the devil, we give him a legally binding contract executable by him, allowable and enforceable in God's eyes, even in His own court.

Have each person write down one common "agreement" that is made with the devil every day. Hint: These agreements are all lies that promise to deliver something we want, at the expense of what the Father wants. (They often sound a lot like excuses: I.E. *I agree that I don't have time to read the bible every day.*)

After everyone is finished read and compile the list. The contracts we have made with the devil can be broken how?

- a. Through the reading of self help books
- b. With the help of psychological counseling
- c. Discipline & Willpower
- d. Logic & Reason
- e. By the authority of Jesus
- f. By watching Oprah

SCRIPTURE:

We are all made in a unique I.M.A.G.E. of God.

Match each aspect of these images with their corresponding verses.

Elaborate on how we as individuals are unique in some of these areas.

I – **Individuals**

[John 15:14-15](#)

M – **Mirrors** of God's morality

[Psalm 139:14-16](#)

A – **Authority** delegated to us

[Matthew 25:46](#)

G – **God's** friends

[Matthew 28:18](#)

E – **Eternal** beings

[2 Corinthians 3:18](#)

PRAYER:

As a group create a list of prayers that contain the authority necessary to tear up and make void each of the common "agreements" that are made with the devil that you compiled from Encouragement portion above. Have each person write in the applicable prayer for the item they originally wrote down earlier.

NEXT STEPS:

If you haven't attended any of the LIFE classes, it is because of an agreement that you have made with the devil! You've said in your heart, "I don't have the time," "I don't need to attend," "it's only for new believers"... God wants you to know who He is, who you belong to, and who you were made to be!

The next set of classes at each campus: **May 6, 13, 20, 27 from 12-2pm Point Loma, San Marcos, San Ysidro, City Heights; and 2-4pm East County**

Register here: <https://www.sdrock.com/lifeclass/>

If you have attended the LIFE classes then your next step is to join (or lead) an rGroup.

Register here: <https://www.sdrock.com/rgroups/>

If you are attending an rGroup your next step is to serve in ministry. If you cannot find a good fit here: <https://www.sdrock.com/ministries/> then perhaps you're being called to create a new one!

CLOSING PRAYER:

Heavenly Father Holy God, we know it is evil in Your eyes to serve the will of men, help us to choose this day whom we will serve, whether it is the gods our fathers served, or the gods that the world serves. We know that they live not but to transfer every good thing in our lives for destruction by the father of lies. But as for me and my house, we desire to serve the Lord of creation. The ruler over the Heavens and the Earth. It is in You, God, that we place all we have, and all that we are to Your glory. We love and give thanks to You, Abba, in and by the name of Jesus. Amen.