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Be One To Have One

Proverbs 18:24

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

There is a simple saying that says; "The only way to have a friend is to be one". Some years ago, I did a study on the "**Ships**" that are taught in the Bible. Let me mention just a few. There is *relationship* and *Lordship* and *Sonship* and *stewardship* and *companionship* and *partnership*, and *courtship* and *kinship* and *leadership* and *membership* and *citizenship* and *ownership*. The list goes on and on. Now let's turn our attention to this word *friendship*. Two of the most precious friendships in Scripture were the friendships the Lord had with Moses and Abraham.

In the case of the Lord's friendship with Moses we see a contrast.

While the relationship between Israel and the Lord was strained, because the people constantly sinned, and complained; we see that Moses experienced intimacy with LORD. Listen to what the Scripture says in **Exodus 33:11; And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend....**

The Lord spoke to Moses like one friend speaking to another friend.

Note **how** the LORD spoke to Moses. Saints, if we want a person to be a friend, we have to watch **what** and **how** we speak to that person.

Let's allow **Ephesians 4:15** & **Colossians 4:16** to guide and govern how we speak to people. One cannot overstate the importance of speech in developing and maintaining friendship. **"So, if we want one, we have to be one"**.