



The Greatest “*Super Friendship*”
the World Has Ever Seen

Jn. 15:9-14



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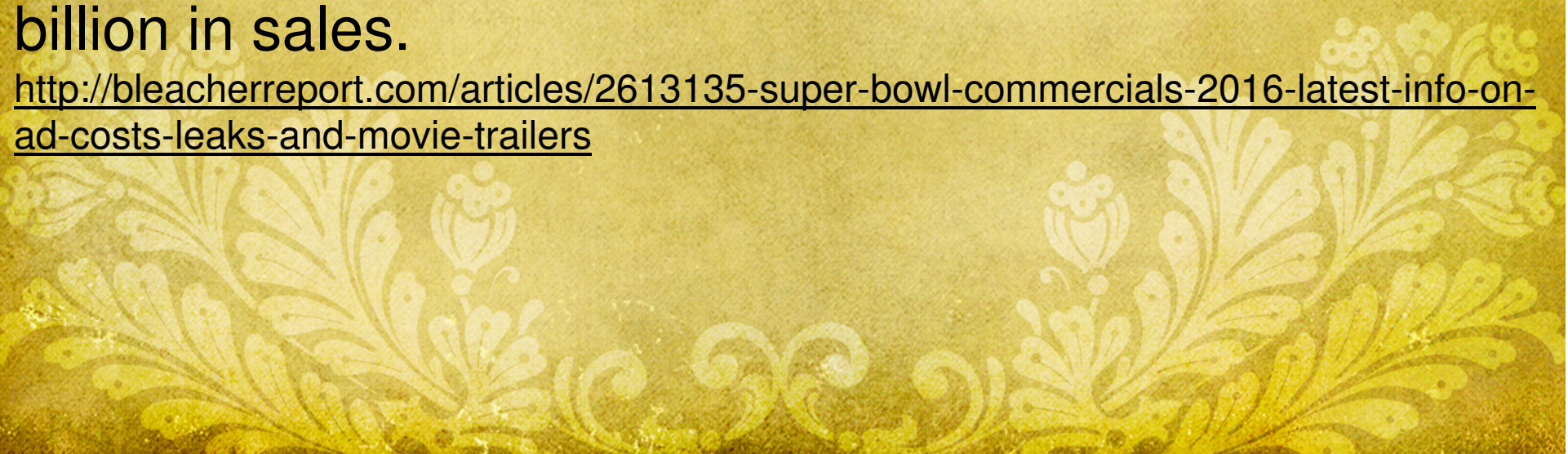
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This year, CBS is charging as much as \$5 million for a 30-second Super Bowl ad. That's 11 percent higher than the base price of \$4.5 million that NBC charged in the 2015 Super Bowl, which was the most-watched broadcast in the history of U.S. television at around 114 million viewers. According to Kantar Media, the price of a 30-spot has increased by approximately 75 percent over the last decade alone, and generates a total of \$2.19 billion in sales.

<http://bleacherreport.com/articles/2613135-super-bowl-commercials-2016-latest-info-on-ad-costs-leaks-and-movie-trailers>





Super Friend Day is the perfect time to consider what a
“Super Friend” is, and consequently,

“The Greatest *Super Friendship* the World Has Ever Seen”

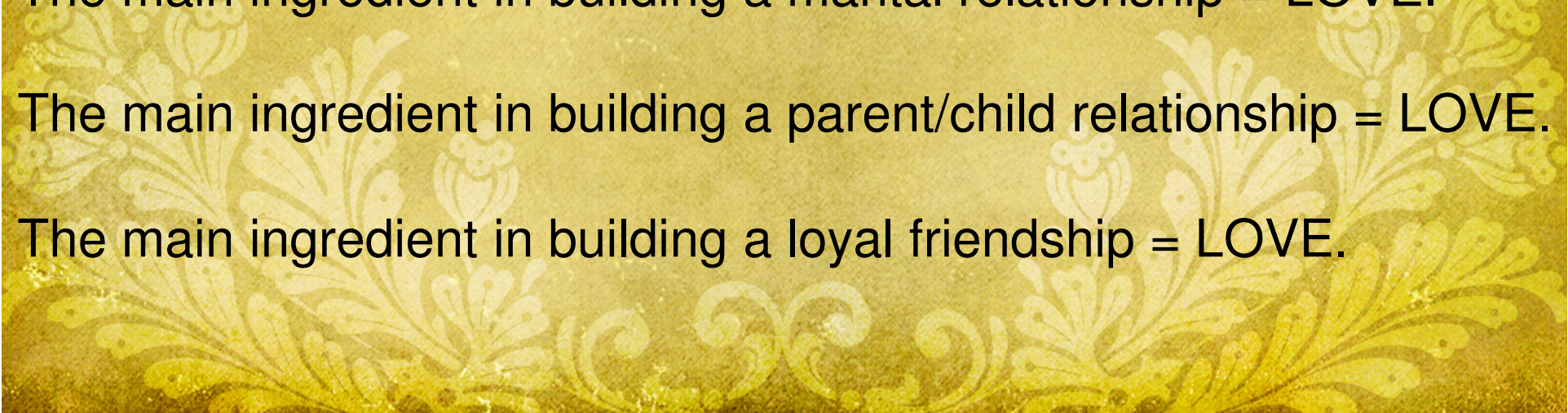
The Greatest Ingredient in Building Bridges – LOVE

The main ingredient in building a relationship with Christ = LOVE.

The main ingredient in building a marital relationship = LOVE.

The main ingredient in building a parent/child relationship = LOVE.

The main ingredient in building a loyal friendship = LOVE.



I. THE EXEMPLAR OF LOVE, 15:9-10

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A. Fellowship is Continuing in Faithfulness, 15:9

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B. Faithfulness is the Condition of Fellowship, 15:10

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- God's commandments are the common bonds of fellowship.
- As our Creator, He knows what we need to do, for our benefit, and when we trust Him by implementing simple obedience, we are building a bridge of mutual trust.
- God trusts us with His work, and when we do it His way, we are exhibiting respect and trust in His guidance.
- An emotional effort that includes reciprocation, *faithfulness*, builds a stronger bridge called *fellowship*.

II. THE ELATION OF LOVE, 15:11

Jn. 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* **your joy might be full.**

A. The Purpose of the Message – Jn. 15:11a

“These things have I spoken unto you, that...”

B. The Presence of the Magnitude – Jn. 15:11b “...my joy might remain in you, and *that* **your joy might be full.**”

- The joy of Christ taking up residence in us!
- The joy for us, being full, or complete, will be lacking nothing!

Psa. 23:1 The LORD *is* my shepherd; **I shall not want.**

III. THE EXAMPLE OF LOVE, 15:12-13

Jn. 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 **Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

A. The Standard for Friendship, 15:12 = love one another as Christ loves us!

B. The Super Friend, 15:13

- The ultimate standard for friendship as declared by Christ – “Greater love hath no man than this...”
- The ultimate sacrificial love was done by Christ – “...that a man lay down his life for his friends.”



1 Jn. 4:9 In this was **manifested the love of God toward us**, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

IV. THE EXPECTATION OF LOVE, 15:14

Jn. 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

A. The Confirmation of Christ – “Ye are my friends...”

Prov. 17:17 **A friend loveth at all times**, and a brother is born for adversity.


Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

B. The Conditional Caveat – “...if ye do whatsoever I command you.”

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.



Gal. 2:16 Knowing that **a man is not justified by the works** of the law, **but by the faith** of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and **I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

Jas 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?**

Jas 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.

Gal. 5:6b "...faith which worketh by love."



- We are saved by grace, through faith.
- Works cannot save us.
- Salvation is the gift of God.
- Our works verify our faith.
- Our faith is fueled by love.
- Our works of faith testify of our love to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We serve Him because we love Him!



Jn. 14:15 **If ye love me**, keep my commandments.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, **he it is that loveth me**: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words**: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings**: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.



1 Jn. 5:3 For **this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous.

1 Jn. 4:19 **We love him,**
because
he first loved us.