

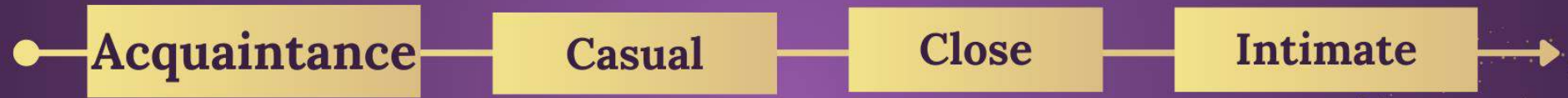


FRIEND OF GOD

A decorative background featuring a deep purple field. Gold wavy lines and a trail of small gold dots sweep across the upper and lower portions of the frame. Two broad, diagonal gold bands intersect on the right side. In the upper left, a small white globe with a gold grid pattern is surrounded by a cloud of gold dots. Below the main text, a horizontal gold line is centered, featuring a diamond-shaped decorative element in its middle.



FRIENDSHIPS



GOOD

Better

Best

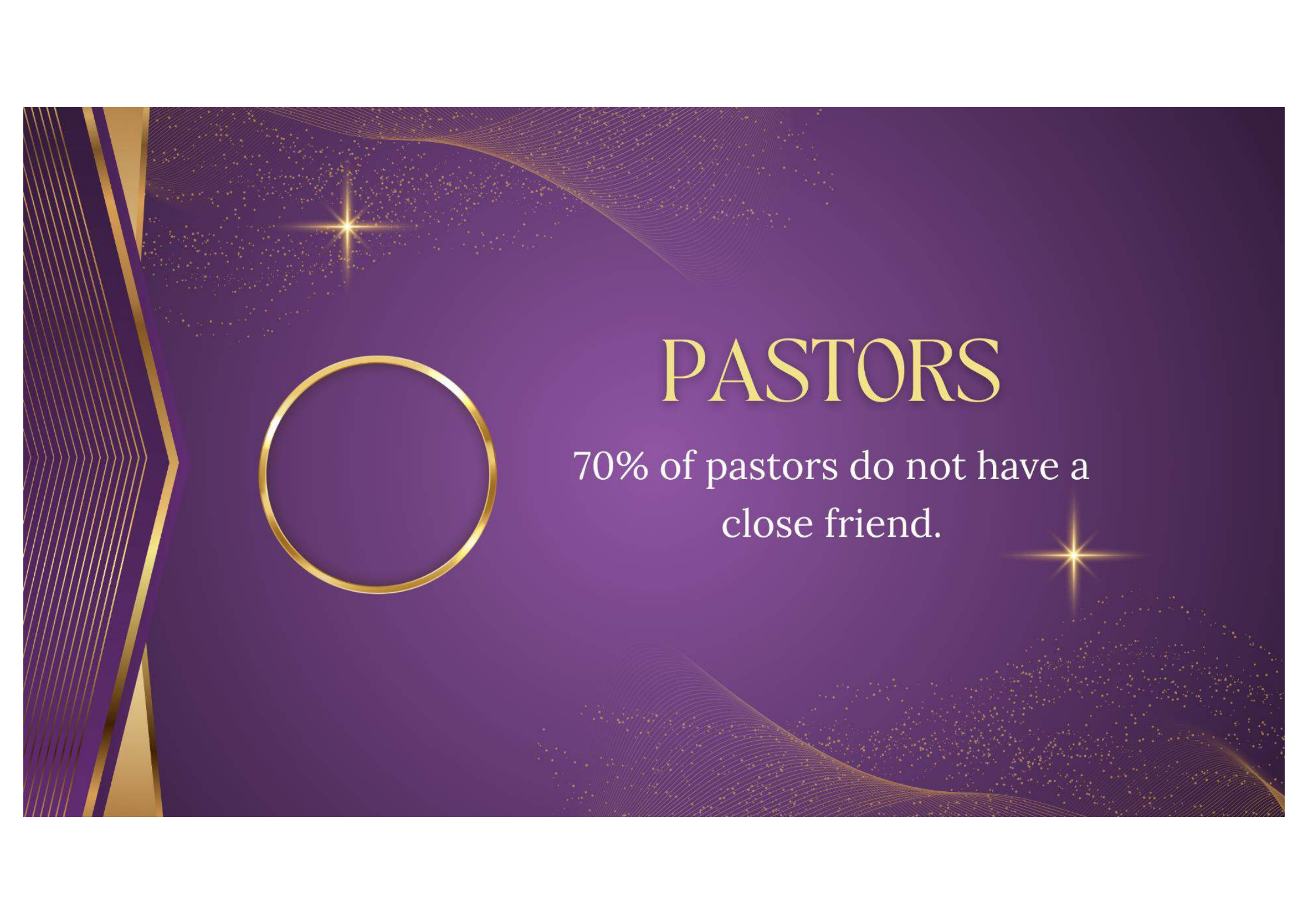


WOMEN

- 24% of women said that they had 6 or more close friends.
- 10% reported having no close friends at all.

MEN

- 25% have 6 or more close friends.
 - 15% of men have no close friendships at all.
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PASTORS

70% of pastors do not have a
close friend.

FRIENDS



The background is a deep purple with intricate gold-colored geometric patterns. These include diagonal lines forming triangular shapes at the corners and flowing, wavy lines across the center. A small, stylized globe icon is positioned above the word "FRIENDSHIP".

FRIENDSHIP

with Jesus is not just a one-
sided decision or proclamation
made by us.

MATTHEW 22:12

He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

JOHN 21:5

He called out to them, “Friends,
haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they
answered.

ISAIAH 41:8

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob,
whom I have chosen, you descendants
of Abraham, my friend.

EXODUS 33:11

The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.



FRIENDSHIP

God does not call everybody
who claims him as their friend
his friend.

JOHN 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

JOHN 15:9-17

¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

JOHN 15:9-17

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends "if" you do what I command.

JOHN 15:9-17

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business.

Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

JOHN 15:9-17

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷
This is my command: Love each other.



JOHN 14:15

If you love me, keep my commands.



JOHN 15:14

You are my friends if you do what I
command.



FRIENDSHIP

We have to be a "servant" of
Christ before we become a
"friend" of Christ.

MATTHEW 10:25

It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

MATTHEW 23:12

And whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

JAMES 2:20-24

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

JAMES 2:20-24

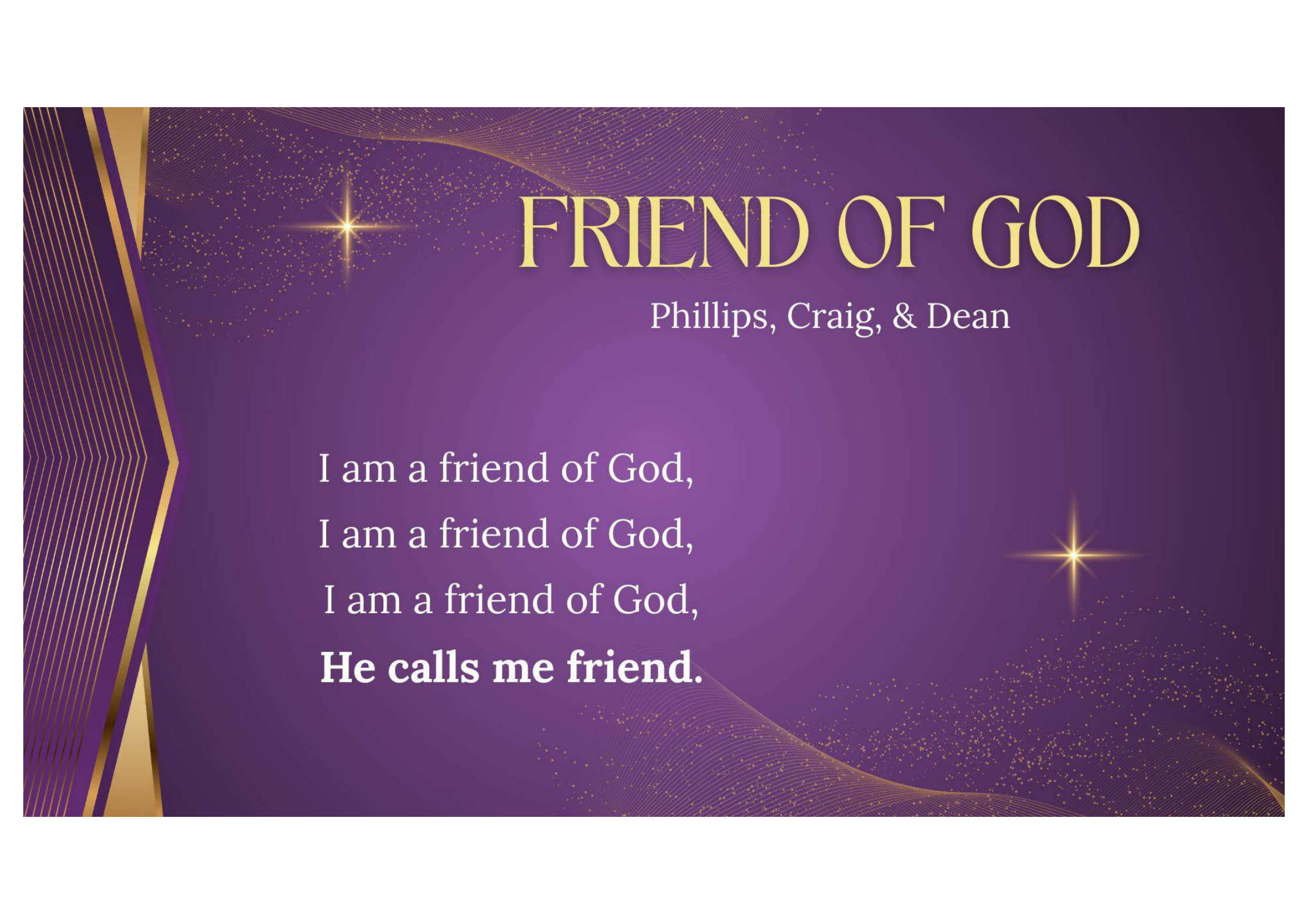
²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

JAMES 2:20-24

²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says,
“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to
him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s
friend.

JAMES 2:20-24

²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous
by what they do and not by faith alone.



FRIEND OF GOD

Phillips, Craig, & Dean

I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God,
He calls me friend.

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