

# My conversation with God the Father

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BIG SANDY, Texas—As I begin, let me make it very clear that I have never heard the voice of God. However, I believe that God talks to me.

When I talk to God, my mind is flooded with such things as scriptures, precepts and ideas on which to meditate. Since God talks to me through Scripture, that means I have spent some time studying the Scriptures.

The following conversation I had with God is based on many scriptures regarding friendship.

**Me:** Father, there are things I don’t really understand. If I ask, will you just think I am silly? Will you put me down?

**Father:** First of all, friends do not put one another down. No, I don’t think you’re silly.

**Me:** I know you want me to be good and obey you. But what’s in it for me? Do I get a reward now and later?

**Father:** In principle, obeying My laws has its own reward. The same is true about disobeying—it carries its own penalty. To answer your question, I do not give out brownie buttons—to put it in your language.

**Me:** Please do not be angry, but isn’t eternal life kind of a reward?

**Father:** Well, let me ask you some questions. Do you have a best friend?

**Me:** Sure.

**Father:** What makes him or her your best friend?

**Me:** Wow, that’s going to take a while to explain.

**Father:** That’s okay. This is so important that you have my attention.

**Me:** Well, to start with, we have so much in common. It is as if our minds are on the same wavelength. We are two completely different people, but it is as if we are one. We complement one another. We are kind, forgiving, have fun, etc. What shall I say? We just enjoy being together. You know, Father, good

relationships take work and effort. Unless, of course, you want just an acquaintance or a fair-weather friend.

**Father:** Do you have more than one friend?

**Me:** Okay, yes! If you understand love, you can have many friends.

**Father:** Do you give them a reward because they are your friend? Do they give you a reward in return? In other words, do you exchange brownie buttons?

**Me:** Don't be silly. Of course not. Any gift is only a token of our friendship. The gift of time is given because we enjoy being together.

**Father:** Did it ever occur to you that I want lots of friends? Because I want my friends to be happy and successful, I always encourage them to come up to My standard [John 15:14]. Only then will we be like-minded or on the same wavelength as you so aptly put it. And, yes, it does take effort to keep a friendship alive and healthy—a true labor of love.

Let me ask you a few more questions. Would you want to be with real friends for all eternity? When they die, would you miss them?

**Me:** Well, sure. Continue. I am all ears.

**Father:** Did it ever occur to you that I miss My friends when they die? This is the reason for the resurrection. I, too, want to be with My true friends for all eternity. I would miss our laughter. I want to wipe away their tears and give them peace. I want to be with them forever.

**Me:** This is awesome! How do I get started?

**Father:** You already have! You are talking to Me, aren't you?