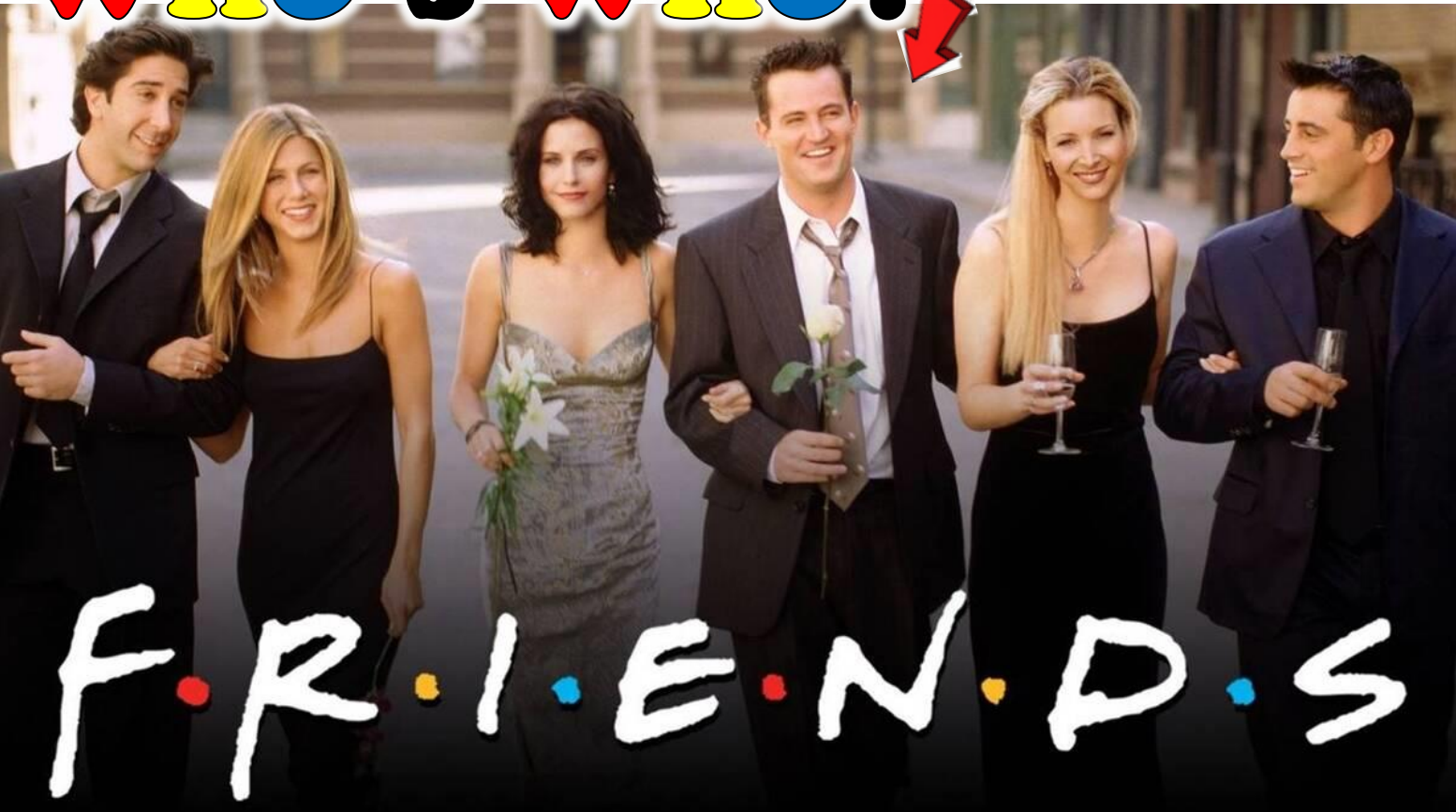


# 2 Timothy 4.<sup>19-20</sup>

## friends

### who's who?

Unscramble the names of each of the people in the picture below.



SORS

INCOMA

HEEPBO

CHARLE

LENDARCH

OJYE

**Who are your best friends?**

**And what are the things about them which you like best?**



NAME

NAME

NAME

# Paul and his pals!

# today's passage

We all need good friends!

Even someone like Paul was glad to have his friends around him. Here you have a brief list of some of the friends he had.

There are **10** in all referred to here.

Write them out in the notepad below (I've given you a start!) –

**P**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**A**  
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**T**  
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Read

## 2 Timothy 4

verses 19-21

<sup>19</sup> Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus ill in Miletus. <sup>21</sup> Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.



## Priscilla & Aquila

This couple had been friends of Paul for a long time.

Aquila and Paul had the same job.

Look up **Acts 18.2-3** in the Bible and see if you can work out what their job was.

They were

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\_\_\_\_\_

They loved Jesus, knew the Bible well and they encouraged and helped others to know Jesus better and to understand the Bible better.

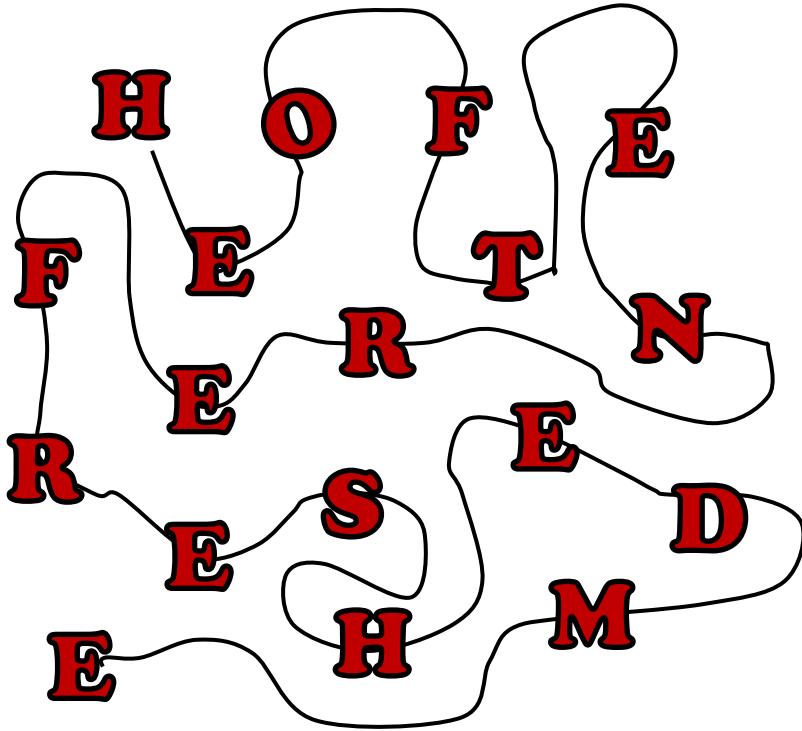


# Onesiphorus



Paul had already mentioned this friend, Onesiphorus, in an earlier part of the letter.

Read **2 Timothy 1.16-17** and see why Paul was so glad have him as a friend. Follow the letters below to get the answer, then write the answer under the picture



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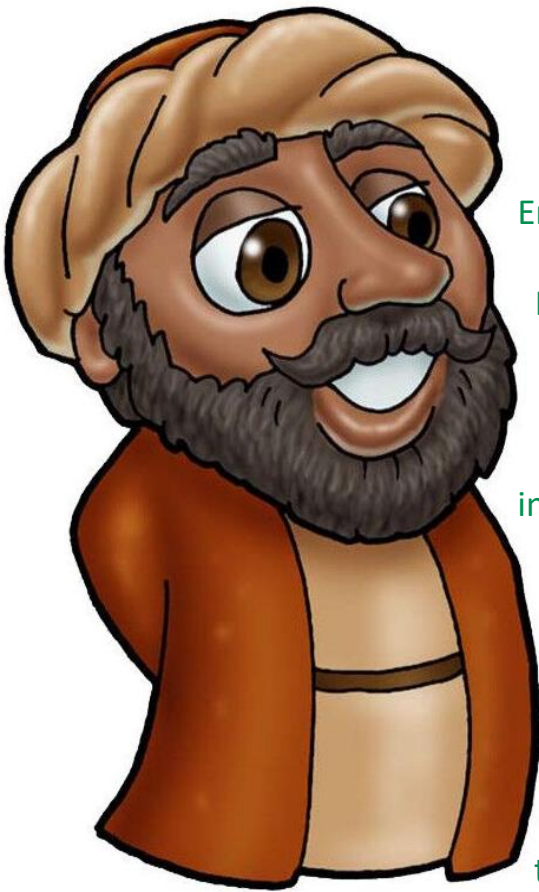
## For you to think about ..



Can you think of some husband and wife teams, like Priscilla and Aquila, who have been a real encouragement and help to you or your family in serving Jesus?

Can you think of someone who always makes you feel better when you're with them, so that you think, 'Yes, I can do this!'?





# Erastus



Erastus is mentioned in two connections in the New Testament.

He's mentioned in **Romans 16.23** where we learn that he was the

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in the city of Corinth. That was an important civil servant job!

On the other occasion when he's mentioned (in **Acts 19.22**), we learn that he was helping Paul as he travelled through the northern part of Greece.

No one is quite sure whether these were two different people or the same man, moving on from doing an important job in the city to becoming a missionary!



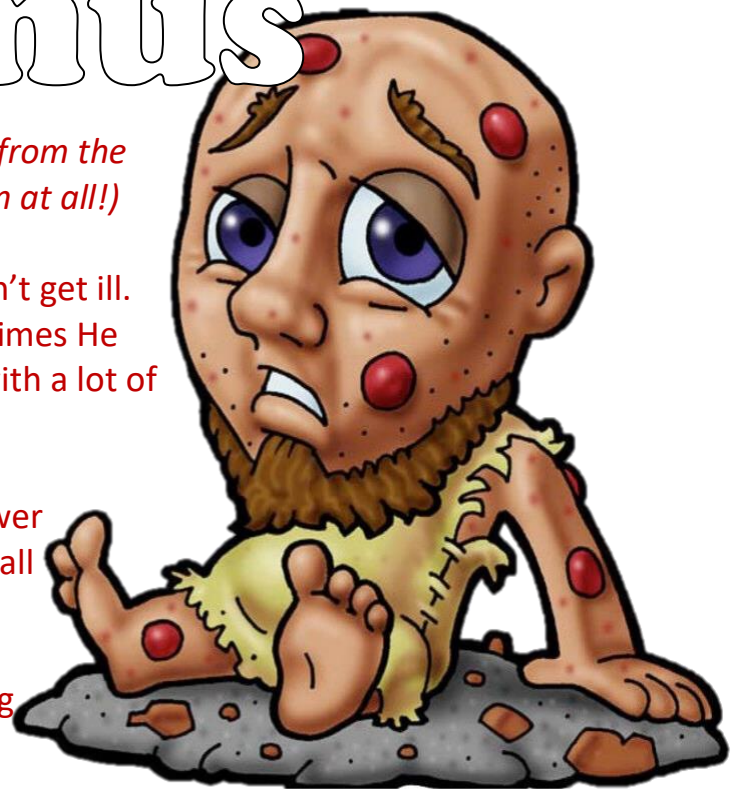
# Trophimus

*(He probably didn't look like this! But you can tell from the picture that this guy Trophimus wasn't a well man at all!)*

Being a follower of Jesus doesn't mean that we won't get ill. Sometimes God heals people amazingly: but sometimes He doesn't and a follower of Jesus may have to cope with a lot of suffering and pain through their lives.

Here's a famous preacher who was became a follower of Jesus at the age of 23, died at the age of 55, and all through his life was plagued with illness.

Sometimes the only way he could preach was sitting down because he was so weak.



His name was

**JOHN  
CALVIN**

God sometimes uses our weakness (like being ill) to show how strong He is

There were lots of other friends Paul had, some of whom are mentioned here as well (check your notepad on p.2).

Friends are a gift from God – and they remind us that the best Friend you can ever have is Jesus!





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus only is our refuge:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

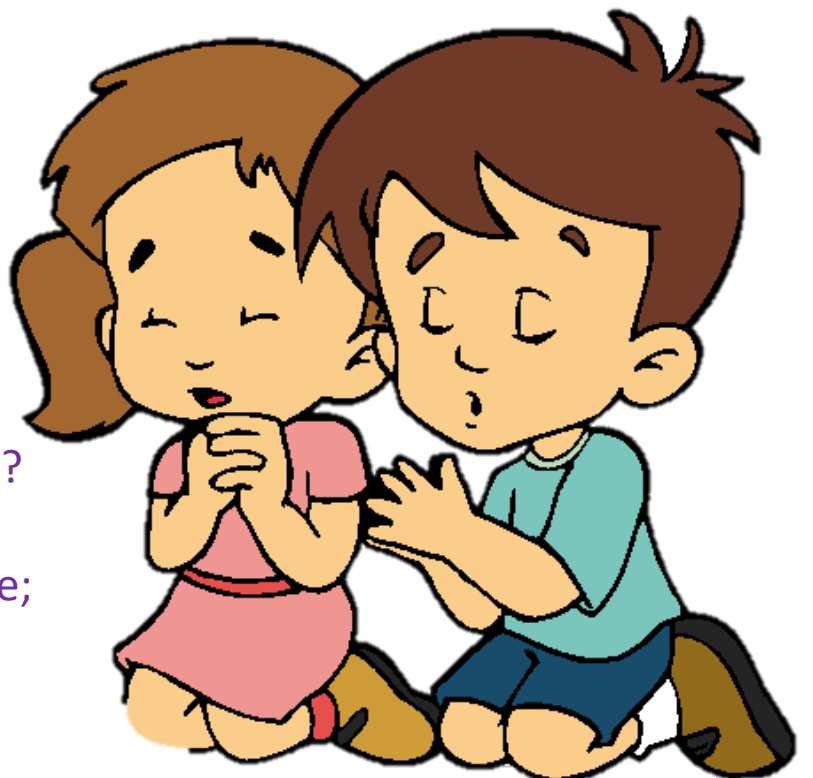
Joseph Scriven 1820-86

*Lord Jesus, You're the best friend I could ever have!*

*I'm glad that You help me to learn from the Bible and grow to know You better.*

*I'm glad, too, that You always get me going again when I'm tired and sore.*

*Thank You for all my friends! Help me to be such a good friend to all of them that they'll want to know You themselves as their best friend as well!*



# Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**“Greet Priscilla and Aquila  
and the household of  
Onesiphorus”**

**2 Timothy 4.19**



# A WORDSEARCH ..

Here's a Wordsearch about friendship and what the Bible has to say about it.

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A B O G T F G Y Z T T B R O B C O M P A N I O N  
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J I C T V H B M U T O T O S E L P I C S I D H X

always	blessed	book of john	choose	close
commandment	companion	depend	disciples	each other
father	friend	Friendship	God	greater
honour	intercessor	intimate	iron sharpens	joy
known	lay down one's life	learned	listens	love
multiples	reliable	righteous	servant	tears
trust	walk	wise		



# For you to COLOUR IN

Join the dots to see what Paul, and Priscilla and Aquila are doing.  
You'll see that this is a skill which Paul and Priscilla and Quila had in common.

Once you've joined the dots you can colour in the picture! They were good friends to each other – and they all knew that Jesus is the best friend of all



my friend  
**JESUS**