


Boundaries

Holy Friendships



Some friends play at friendship
but a true friend sticks closer than
one's nearest kin.

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Redemptive Love

The genuine, freeing love of another is a sure sign in our lives of the presence and love of God. God's unconditional love tells us that we are totally free to be who we are: that despite our sinfulness we will never be deprived of God's love. God's love is redemptive love; it is the only true love that exists. Therefore, relationships in which true love is shared are indeed redemptive.

Friendship As Sacrament - Carmen L. Caltagirone p. 85

Guard Rails

- Feelings vs. Ethics
- Counsel of Friends/Professionals
- Mental Illness
- Foundation of Charity
- Wounded People
- Unbound and Deliverance Ministry
- Environment/Poverty
- St. Vincent Approach

Narccistic Personality Disorder (NPD)

- <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/narcissistic-personality-disorder/symptoms-causes/syc-20366662#:~:text=Overview,lack%20of%20empathy%20for%20others.>

We're All Fragile

- Use our words for blessings
- Surrender
- Gleanings or Promptings of the Holy Spirit
- Avoid trying to fix people. Sometimes the Lord allows us to walk some of the journey without the help of friends. (Gethsemane)
- The Holy Spirit can turn our mourning into joy.
- All will be complete in heaven. Our final makeover is going to happen
- Do the best you can
- Say “No” and be aware of self-care
- Prepare to share and help other people
- Urgency (Friendship as Sacrament p.27) (Bond of Perfection p.127)