

BEING A FRIEND

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“and you will be blessed, for they don’t have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous”
(Luke 14: 14)

In school there was a boy no one liked because he had bad breath. I didn’t care what the other kids thought and I decided to talk to him, and we became friends . One day fishing he told me why his breath was so bad and asked why I was so nice to him. I said, “You are a good person, and I thought to myself maybe we could be friends. I’m glad I did! Look at us now!” I laughed and said, “The other kids are missing out. I don’t care too much about your breath, anyway that doesn’t define the real you.”

We were friends for quite a while until my family moved. I think about him now and then and wonder how he’s doing. At that time I didn’t know much about hospitality but looking back I guess I did. God works in ways we take for granted. Now I’m trying not to take God’s way for granted. Because I have realized hospitality is something I can accept as well as give.

**GOD,
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NO ONE ELSE WANTS
AND HELP US TO RE-
CEIVE THE PEOPLE YOU
SEND TO US. AMEN**