



# My Best Friend

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another..” Proverbs 27:17*

I have this close friend. I mean a really close friend. Like “closer than a brother” type of friend. We do things together that we both like. Movies. Games. Hobbies. We’ve even taken vacations together. A truly close friend.

And as great as all that is, there are times we don’t see eye-to-eye on subjects. As close as we are, we are still different people. My grandma said, “If two people agree on everything, one of them is not needed.” And that is true. Truer than we like at times. Sometimes I’m glad we don’t see everything the same, especially when I “know” I’m right. Other times, it isn’t so nice and easy. It is difficult and conversations are needed and had. But we always come back to our friendship and love each other.

In all honesty, I learn from my friends even more when I disagree with them because it will expand my horizons on things. Where once I only saw something one way, I now see it with several possibilities. My short-sighted assumptions receive a continued, ever-growing line of truths that help me to see things, not just different, but bigger and clearer.

Sadly, many times I don’t initially respond with happiness over hearing new ideas. I am a stubborn man with all that that entails. But after several conversations (some even heated and loud), I can see things different and grow. See, if growth is the key, I must stretch my thinking and communication to places it hasn’t been before all while trusting my friend loves God and me.

The truth is that we all grow and mature by expanding our personal “worlds”. And many times, our initial response to this is, “No it’s not!” But if you don’t run off, but, stay and have useful, adult discussions on these things, you both grow. Even if you don’t agree on the outcome.

By the way, my friend I’m talking about is my wife, Michelle. If you only follow us on Instagram or Facebook, you might think we agree on everything. But that’d be far from the truth. We do disagree on things. We do talk them out to each other. And, honestly, I am a better man, minister and Christian because of it. You’ll have to ask her if she feels the same.

So, don’t put yourself in a think-tank of only people that see everything like you. Have some people that have the ability to stretch and increase your mind and spirit. And keep love above all things. You may find you are better for it.

Love you, Michelle.

From My Heart,

*Billy*