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MEET MY FRIENDS

John 3:16

Human beings are people who make decisions and who live by decisions.

In this we differ from all other creatures on earth.

The decision made about friends by some of the people in this room will make a difference in your life.

But how are decisions made.

There is no simple answer. No ready made answers. All of us remember studying Algebra and there was always the possibility of turning to the back of the book and there would be the answer.

But the choice of friends in life is not like that. What we all know is that we have to struggle to find them!

The answer does not come by the slide rule.

We draw upon the whole back ground of life.

Parable of the seeds and the sower:

First - All have the same seed.

Second - Difference in productivity - some 30 fold, 60, 100 fold.

Productivity of humanity is very wide and different. Some have no depth of root.

Our lives are not easy.

Our decisions are difficult.

Our task is to build deep roots - not wither away.

We need a friend.

English publisher offered prize for best definition of a friend.

"A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out".

The best friend I have ever had, I found in the world's greatest love story.

John 3:16.

Person in this love story, is God - made the world - design the law - changeless.

Passion in this love story, is so loved - got down under the load of sin, sorrow
- the world - sinners!

Proof of this love story, He gave - (can't have love) (without giving.)

God loves to give.

His son.

Dr. Orlando P. Scott - 1919 - Surgeon, Chicago, cut strip after strip from his own thigh and grafted them on his wife. Auto accident, great pieces of flesh had been torn from her leg, gangerene, skin-grafting was necessary to save the limb. No anathetic could be used because he was to operate on himself. Time after time he drove the knife into his flesh without showing one sign of pain. Frequent sobs were heard among the (nurses) who observed the operation.

Pain was a pleasure for him, in his mind was no sacrifice. It would have been harder for him not to do what he did because he loved. Proof he loved - God loved - He gave.

Plan of this love story, whosoever believeth - not works, admireth, good intentions - no mystery to be solved, no riddle.

Promise of this love story, (shall not perish) - pledge.

Priceless possession of this love story, (eternal life) - not a day or year - month - million years - eternal.

This is my friend 70 I met Jesus when a teen ager.

If I did not know this friend (I would give up all the riches of earth.)

Whitefield - preached 300 times on the new birth.

Was asked, why he preached so often on it -- "Because, ye must be born again."

To have a Christian world - we must have Christians.

We do not have Christians until men are born again.