



LWML CNH CHRISTIAN LIFE LINE AUGUST 2023

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I hope the summer is treating you well. I love the hot weather because I am finally not COLD! I saw a Facebook post today that trumpeted the number of days until Fall! Whatever. Enjoy your summer because you will probably miss it when it is cold again!

I'll Never be Friends with Her!

Have you ever met someone and immediately thought, "I can never be friends with her."? If so, then you know my problem when I met Suki. Something about her just annoyed me. Then it happened. Suki wanted to be on the Christian Ed board which I was on! Ugh. Then she wanted to teach Sunday School, which I already did. Next Suki joined our small group Bible study! I'm sure you guessed it, in short order Suki and I became fast friends, going to each other's homes, sitting together at meetings, and sharing intimate details at Bible study!

When we look for the differences, we find them easily enough. When we look for the similarities, we find them, too. Maybe a little slower, but we find and embrace them. My attitude was a sin, a big sin. Until the day she died, much too young, Suki was a bright spot in my life, reminding me often of God's forgiving nature.

Jesus calls us friend even though we don't deserve His love. He made Himself one of us and died for us and rose again for our sins. Now that Jesus has made us His friends, we can follow His leading, as He says in Matthew 22:39, "love your neighbor as yourself." I have gladly learned to look for the similarities and find a friend because Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Sometimes that Friend even wears skin!

A thought for the day: Who will I find similarities with and turn into a friend today?

Lord Jesus, Thank you for the blessing of friends. May we find them with joy and love them as we love ourselves. May we always remember that You are our first and best Friend. Amen

I appreciate all your comments, good and bad, accept ideas for future Life Lines, and love all of you! It is not too late to register for the retreat. I hope to meet you there!

Love,
Cathey



DON'T MISS THIS!

CNH Retreat will be held at Oakhurst on August 25-27, 2023

"Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts"

Bible study led by Michelle Ule

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:4

Registration information is available at lwmlcnh.org