



RED LETTER

Part 1 – My Best Friend
March 10, 2019

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He Understands

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(Hebrews 2:17-18 MSG) That's why He had to enter into every detail of human life. Then, when He came before God as high priest to get rid of the people's sins, He would have already experienced it all Himself—all the pain, all the testing—and would be able to help where help was needed.

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(John 15:15) "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you."

2. _____ to Him.

(Hebrews 4:16) Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

3. _____ with your life.

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