



Thankful for those decades-old friendships. Those friends I've known for most of my life. The ones who saw me with acne on my face; the ones who knew me before I was a wife and a mother. They who remain ever-present and they with whom, no matter how much time passes between us spending time together, I still connect like if it was yesterday. You know who you are. Thank you for sticking with me to this very day. It's immensely comforting to know I have you in my life. Surely, God has blessed me with great friends.

"In friendship...we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few years' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another...the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting—any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "Ye have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others."

~C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

"We'll be friends 'til we're old and senile.
Then we'll be new friends."

Friends, what are you thankful for today?

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