

Chapter 9

A Spiritual Journey: A Look at Wisdom and Apocalyptic Literature

Called to Prayer

Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure.

Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth.

Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them.

Those who fear the Lord enjoy stable friendship, for as they are, so will their neighbors be.

—Sirach 6:14-17

- *Reflection:* What are some of the characteristics of a faithful friend according to Sirach? What are other characteristics you could add to the list?
- *Meditation:* How are you doing as a friend to those around you? What could this passage be speaking to you about your own abilities as a friend? In what ways are you doing well as a friend and in what ways can you grow?

Resolution: Reflect on the faithful friends in your life. Make time to write a note or tell that person face-to-face how much their friendship is a treasure to you.