

“The Station Agent” starring Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson, Bobby Cannavale, 2003, R, 89 minutes

Major themes:

- Friendship
- Empathy
- Pursuing others for their good
- Unity in diversity

Scriptures:

Proverbs 17:17 (NLT) – *“A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.”*

Proverbs 18:24 (NLT) – *“There are ‘friends’ who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.”*

John 15:15 (NLT) – *“I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.”*

Philippians 2:3 (NLT) – *“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.”*

Romans 12:16 (NASB) – *“Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.”*

1 Peter 3:8 (NLT) – *“All of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.”*

Luke 19:10 (NLT) – *“The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”*

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Matthew 18:12 – 14 (NIV) – *“If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.”*

John 17:20 – 23 (NIV) – [Jesus Prays for All Believers] *“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”*

1 Corinthians 12:12 – 13 (NIV) – *“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”*

Major characters:

- Finbar McBride
- Joe Oramas
- Olivia Harris
- Emily
- Cleo
- Henry Styles

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Discussion points:

1. Consider this phrase – *“a friend who pays attention to who you are.”*
Discuss how this is shown in the movie.
2. What parallels can we see with Christ, who came down to where we were, pursued us, became vulnerable and open to hurt?
3. Is it more loving, more honoring, more God’s heart to pursue someone who doesn’t want to be pursued, or to leave them alone as they wish?

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

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*Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

*Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.*