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THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

I've spent the past few days visiting friends who live an entire province and some towering mountains away from where I live. Thankfully I still have another day to enjoy their company. We've done some work together, worshipped together, laughed and cried together, hit a couple of shopping malls together, and over the past eight meal slots I've been here, we've dined together in six different restaurants. It's been a trip to remember!

In the craziness of everyday life it's all too easy to give important things precedence over the things that really matter. Though some may call it my age, I chalk it up to a few years' worth of acquired wisdom. Simply put, there's nothing more precious than making sure we nurture relationships with the people who matter most in our life. If the economic woes of the past eighteen months have taught us anything, I hope they've reminded us that there are few places or things that are worthy of our definition of secure. "True Friends" however, do.

The Wegner version of the biblical Love Chapter (1 Corinthians 13) might read like this: "Though the NASDAQ and TSX might plummet, and the impending income tax season looms, I know what it is to have friends. Though disappointments blind my eyes with tears and though circumstances bring pain, there is nothing greater than knowing that help is just a call away. True friendships weather storms and overcome obstacles. Real friends forgive failures, conquer challenges and share successes. When my world crashes around me, I have friends to lean on. When my friends' plans and dreams implode, my shoulder is there for them. And now abide success, achievement and friendship but the greatest of these is friendship."

PS: There's a world of lonely folk out there just waiting to have – or be – our friend.