

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, September 30, 2018)

Share:

Upon this new day and this new week, pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
Be near to us and speak to us, and we will proclaim your glory.

Read these words from a hymn today: *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.

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.

Read this scripture from worship: James 5:13-20 (The Message)

¹³⁻¹⁵ Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out.

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with. Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't—not a drop for three and a half years. Then he prayed that it would rain, and it did. The showers came and everything started growing again.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ My dear friends, if you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back and you will have rescued precious lives from destruction and prevented an epidemic of wandering away from God.

Talk together, responding to these questions:

How does “What a Friend We Have in Jesus?” capture your thoughts and feelings?

What are some ways people suffer?

How can prayer help us through suffering?

Can suffering and cheerfulness co-exist?

How can I be a friend to those who hurt?

Pray together:

May the first words in my mouth today be the sound of the name of Jesus. Lead me, O God, to reflect on his power as I seek to live my day, honoring the One who gave me salvation and a new life. Help me to be an agent of hope and salvation to others. Keep on working in my life, through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that I can become more like you want me to be. In the powerful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."