Message: "Take Me Back Week 1 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture: Philippians 4:6

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer...

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything ..." Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT PRAYER

- Prayer is <u>complicated</u>.
- Prayer is boring.
- Prayer doesn't work.

"I have never called you 'servants,' because a master doesn't confide in his servants ... But I call you my most intimate friends ..." John 15:15 (TPT)

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.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer...

"...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

HOW DO WE PRAY?

SOMETIMES YOU TALK TO GOD.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done." Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

• SOMETIMES YOU VENT TO GOD.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

• SOMETIMES YOU LISTEN TO GOD.

"My sheep know my voice, and I know them..." John 10:27 (CEV)

"Prayer is simply a two-way conversation between you and God." Billy Graham

• AT ALL TIMES, YOU GIVE <u>THANKS</u> TO GOD.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand..."

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear! All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

TRUE PEACE ISN'T THE <u>ABSENCE</u> OF PROBLEMS. TRUE PEACE IS FOUND IN THE <u>PRESENCE</u> OF GOD.