<u>Jesus Would Be There For His Friends</u> WWJD (What Would Jesus Do)? - (# 6)
February 12, 2023
OPENING SCRIPTURE: James 2:20-26
KEY VERSE: James 2:23
TEXT: Matthew 14:22-33 KEY VERSE: Proverbs 18:24
Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
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22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

Matthew 14:22-33

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23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

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24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

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25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

Matthew 14:22-33

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

Matthew 14:22-33

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

Matthew 14:22–33

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

Matthew 14:22-33

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29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Matthew 14:22-33

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

Matthew 14:22-33

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31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Matthew 14:22-33

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

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33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

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Walking on the water is like taking a step of faith with Jesus.

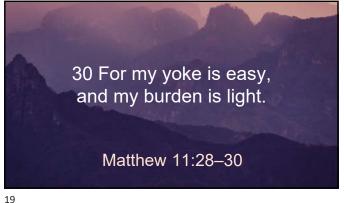
28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28-30

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:28-30

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How did Jesus treat His disciples? What did Jesus do for them?

Sometimes Jesus' words may have been harsh or crude, but they were from His heart in love toward those around Him.

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1) Pray For Your Friends.

17 A friend loveth at all times, And a brother is born for adversity. Proverbs 17:17 25

Has God placed someone in your life for you to befriend?

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. Matthew 14:23

23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. Matthew 8:23-27

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24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. Matthew 8:23-27

25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. Matthew 8:23-27

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26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Matthew 8:23–27

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Matthew 8:23–27

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24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

Matthew 14:24

Pray for your friends.

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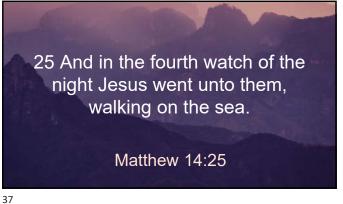
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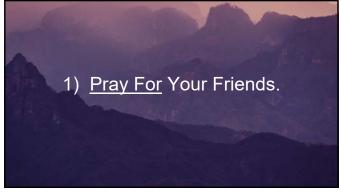




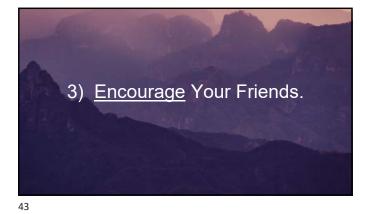
As Jesus would do for us, so we need to do for one another.

Do what you need to do to reach your friends. 40

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2) Go To Your Friends.



27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. Matthew 14:27

Share words of hope and encouragement with your friends.

6 Jesus saith unto him,
I am the way, the truth,
and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father,
but by me.
John 14:6–9

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7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

John 14:6–9

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. John 14:6–9

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9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then,

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John 14:6–9



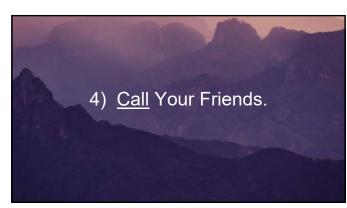
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3) <u>Encourage</u> Your Friends.



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6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27:6

Call your friends and let them know that you are praying for them.

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29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Matthew 14:29

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37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him.

Luke 9:37-42

38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child.

Luke 9:37-42

39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

Luke 9:37-42

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40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.

Luke 9:37–42

41 And Jesus answering said,
O faithless and perverse
generation, how long shall I be
with you, and suffer you?
Bring thy son hither.

Luke 9:37-42

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42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Luke 9:37–42

Time is short for us to reach our friends. Let's encourage one another to reach out to more people so God can save them.

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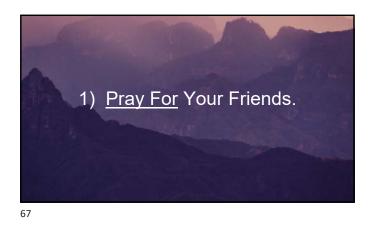
8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

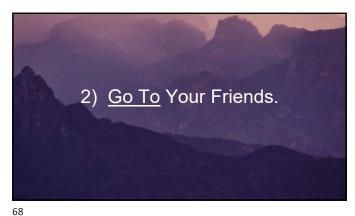
1 Corinthians 3:8-9

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

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3) <u>Encourage</u> Your Friends.



5) <u>Catch A Hold</u> Of Your Friends.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? Matthew 14:31

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Do everything in your ability to reach out and catch a hold of your friends.

Don't allow them to sink.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

Mark 8:29-33

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30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

Mark 8:29-33

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:29–33

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32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

Mark 8:29-33

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

Mark 8:29–33

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If you see your friends sinking or slipping away, reach out to them, and catch them, and love them and help them and encourage them.

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Proverbs 18:24

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Be a friend like Jesus.

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13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13-15

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:13–15

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

John 15:13–15

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

James 2:23

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