

FRIENDS

...TOGETHER ON MISSION...

“Friends” - Week 5: *When I am weak, you are strong*

Introduction (*Read aloud before discussion.*)

Friendships are so important. We need them. Often we need a friend to be strong where and when *we* are weak, and then we get to be strong where and when *they* are weak.

Sermon Discussion (*Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.*)

1. We truly are called to be like God and be “together on mission” with other people. Can you think of a novel, movie, or historical story that has a “together on mission” theme?
2. Read Exodus 4:13-15 & 29-30. Aaron spoke to everyone for Moses! Share about a time when the arrival of a friend who was strong where you were weak really made things possible or helped you keep going.
3. Sometimes a mission or call grows out of a particular friendship. Have you or are you experiencing a friendship that is birthing an idea, mission, or call? If not, why would you like that?
4. Read Exodus 17:10-13. Moses was weak and Aaron held his arms up. How many friends are you honest enough with that they would know you are tired and would be able to be strong when you are weak?
5. Moses probably asked Aaron and Hur for help! Why is it sometimes difficult to ask friends for help?
6. What are you tired of or struggling with right now? How could a good friend help? Or, as you consider the friends in your life, what are they struggling with and how could you help them?

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Ministry Time (*Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”*)

Invite the spirit of Jesus to come and to be that friend that is holding up your arms in the midst of being tired, exhausted, overwhelmed, and maybe just done. Holy Spirit come!

Spiritual Formation (*This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.*)

This week, as difficult as it is, practice sharing with a friend where you are feeling weak and ask that person for help, comfort, or whatever you actually need. Sometimes the most difficult and the most spiritual thing to do is to ask for help.

Daily Reading (*Tune into the daily “Together On Mission” podcast, and let’s start every day with Jesus.*)

MON

Exodus 4 | Psalm 85

TUES

Matthew 26 | Psalm 86

WED

Exodus 17 | Psalm 87

THUR

Philippians 2 | Psalm 88

FRI

Numbers 13-14 | Psalm 89

SAT

Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage and enjoy

Tune in next week for “Friends” - Week 6: *Generous Friends*