

Message: What a friend we have in Jesus

Memory verse: John 10:11 KJV I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Bible reading: Matthew 9:18,23-38 KJV While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. [23] And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, [24] He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. [25] But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. [26] And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land. [27] And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. [28] And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. [29] Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. [30] And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straightly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. [31] But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. [32] As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. [33] And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. [34] But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils. [35] And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. [36] But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. [37] Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; [38] Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Do you have a relationship with your friend or are you just a user, most believers in this generation have no relationship with God, they only go to him when there are needs in their lives, Jesus said

We forfeit so many things because we are not intimate with Jesus as seen in our hymn....What a friend we have in Jesus.....

Is Jesus your friend ?

Characteristics of true friendship

- Loyalty
- Honesty
- Dependable
- Trust worthy
- Faithful
- Available
- Not one sided
- Never been tired of been together
- Unconditional love and sacrifice

The question again, is Jesus your friend ? Hear the word of Jesus to those seeking for him **John 6:26 KJV** Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Prayer

1. Father lord I thank you for loving me despite my unfaithfulness accept my thanks in the name of Jesus
2. Lord I pray thee draw me nearer daily to yourself in the name of Jesus
3. Spirit of deceit in my life be vomited out in the name of Jesus
4. Lord Jesus help me to love you unconditionally always in the name of Jesus
5. I shall not leave Jesus for material things in the name of Jesus