



What a Friend

Take it to the Lord in Prayer

WEEK 2 - VERSE 2: HAVE WE TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS? OVERVIEW

"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!"

Joseph Scriven's song is a personal testimony of God's tender and faithful love. In his weakness, he found encouragement and steadfast friendship in Christ Jesus. What does it mean for Christ to 'know our every weakness?' What comfort and assurance does the Man of Sorrows/Suffering Servant have to offer us in our own suffering and weakness?

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 4:15, 16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you tired of praying? Why or why not?
2. Read [2 Corinthians 12:6-10](#).
 - a. How do you pray when you can't catch a break? (like Paul, Joseph Scriven, Horatio Spafford)
 - b. Have you ever considered something a "thorn in your flesh" that was/is a weakness by which the power of Christ can work through you? Please explain.
3. What does it mean for Jesus to 'know our every weakness', as the song says? (see also [Hebrews 4:15-16](#), [Matthew 26:39](#))
4. How is prayer a conversation with God? What would prayer look like if it was not a conversation?
5. Read [Hebrews 11:6](#) and [Psalm 34:1](#). Milton said, "we pray to understand God's character." What does that mean to you?
6. Do you agree that when you spend enough time with someone, you start acting like them? Give an example where you have seen this play out. Is this true about spending time with Jesus? (See [Philippians 3:10](#))