

No, Not One! Not Even One!

Last Sunday evening during our worship in song, one of the songs that we sang together was "No, Not One." the chorus of the song states: "Jesus knows all about our struggles; He will guide till the day is done; There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!"

As we were singing, I thought to myself, "Does Jesus really understand every trouble and struggle I am having?" The answer is a resounding, "Yes!"

I don't know what "struggles" you are having in life, but likely it could be fit into one of the following categories:

- **Do you have financial struggles?** Jesus had them as well. For example, He knew what it was like to live "hand to mouth" (Matt. 8:20; 17:24-27).
- **Do you have family struggles?** Jesus had them as well. For example, He knew what it was like to have His earthly siblings not believe in Him for awhile (John 7:5).
- **Do you have friend/people/relationship struggles?** Jesus had them as well. For example, He knew what it was like to have His close companions forsake Him just when He needed them most (Matt. 26:31,56).
- **Do you have time struggles?** Jesus had them as well. For example, He knew what it was like to have a lot to do and little time to do it in (John 9:4). He also knew what it was like to want to get away and have others demand your free time (Matt. 14:13-14).
- **Do you have "enemy" struggles?** Jesus had them as well. For example, He endured the unjust ridicule of those who hated Him without a cause (Matt. 27:15-31; 1 Pet. 2:21-23).
- **Do you have spiritual struggles?** In a sense, Jesus had them as well. For example, Jesus knew what it was like to be bombarded with temptation after temptation from Satan (Matt. 4:1-10). He also knew what it felt like to struggle with one's own will and the will of God (Matt. 26:38-39).

Take comfort that Jesus, our true friend, understands - and not only that, He cares and He is always available and willing to help us.

"Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest ... For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 2:17; 4:15).

- Edd Sterchi, Harrisburg Church of Christ, Harrisburg, IL, via *Bulletin Digest*

Every heart hath its own ache.

News & Notes

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Resumes this Tuesday, July 1st at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in this good work. It's fun, too!

NURSING HOME VISIT & DEVOTIONAL: Due to the first Saturday of July being a holiday weekend, the date has been changed to July 12th, at 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

PANTRY: Pancake mix & syrup.

REMEMBER WITH CARDS: Phyllis Nelson (David's mother) has suffered a stroke. Her address: 650 E. 4th St., Apt. 107, East Liverpool, OH 43920.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Jenny Rhodes; Anna D. Snell (stroke) - Jeremy's grandmother; Crystal Baker (cancer) - Connie Cowdery's daughter; and those of our congregation who have serious health concerns or need encouragement.

ENCOURAGE: Bette Gentry, Bertha Seman.

SICK: City Hospital (Skilled): Carl Miller. **Home:** Bill Stillwell (broken foot), Rob Martin, Ella Beagle (at Vera Groves'), Bob & Scharlotte Cyphers (with their daughter, Joyce Vantilburg), Dan Williams, Bette Gentry. **Calcutta Health Care:** Ruby Eddy. Others confined to their homes and in nursing homes are listed on the bulletin board.

JESUS IS COMING



I had an opportunity to work in a bakery while going to high school. I remember one day the telephone rang, and a lady answered it. She put it down like it was hot and yelled, "He's coming!" I wondered what in the world was going on? The ladies ran for their hair nets, and men ran for clean aprons and clean caps. The boss told me to sweep the floor and cover all the containers. There was a wild and excited look in his eyes. Everyone was running around like chickens with their heads cut off. I thought to myself, "Who is coming?"

Suddenly through the front door entered a man in a suit with a case under his arm. As I observed him he began to walk around and check the bakery for health hazards. I then realized that he was the state inspector for the Board of Health. After he left, everyone breathed a sigh of relief and went back to work. One lady told me that all the places of business always watched out for each other. The first one to see the inspector coming would call the other business. They had a system of warning.

When Jesus comes again there won't be time to prepare a speech on all the good things we have done. There won't be time to tell Him how our neighbors and friends hindered us in His service. There will be judgment: "So then each one of us shall give an account of himself before God" (Rom. 14:12). God will not accept our excuses nor will He give us time to repent. Today is the time to prepare ourselves for His coming.

Remember, "He is coming!"

- John A. Boor, House to House Heart to Heart (Archives Vol. 6)