



Inspire

Just Be... Friendly!

Show Love Through Friendship

If ever the world needs friends, it is now. What better way to show the love of Christ to a hurting world than through friendship. In Luke 10:25-37, through the parable of the Good Samaritan we can learn some important qualities of friendship.

A friend gives of her time. In this parable, two others passed by the injured man. Ultimately they were not willing to give of their time. Time is the most desired and most valuable commodity. No matter what we do, we can't get more time—we all have the same 24-hours a day. We can't save hours for later like a savings account; we can't borrow, trade for or steal from to receive more time. The Samaritan saw a need, and stopped. He didn't care of what was on his schedule for the day; his time was better spent here at this moment. This wasn't a quick pit-stop on his journey. He stopped and cared for his injuries and then transported him to an inn and spent the entire night watching and nursing this man back to health.

A friend gives of her emotional and physical resources. It must have been exhausting to bend down, bandage the injured man, lifting him up and placing him on his donkey, and then staying through the night to care for him. Physical exhaustion as well as emotional exhaustion didn't stop him from showing care and concern. And if that wasn't enough, he gave money to the innkeeper to continue to look after the injured man. The Samaritan never counted the cost of his time or resources. He simply gave. He truly was a friend to the man in need.

I have always wondered if the Samaritan ever connected with the injured man again? Did the injured man get to say thank you to the Samaritan. Did a friendship form? I want to believe that it did. Even if it didn't, the injured man was forever impacted by the neighborliness of the Samaritan.

Being a friend to someone in a time of need, is a great gift. The need is great today, and lots of people are looking for someone to "Just Be Friendly" to them. Are you willing to be a friend to someone today? May we show friendship by **loving God with your heart, soul, strength and mind, and loving your neighbor as yourself** (Luke 10:27).

INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

Auburn, CA assembled homeless hygiene kits that included masks and gloves.

Bell Lighthouse, CA had a 6-week book club via Zoom where they discussed the book *"Homeschool Bravely: How to Squash Doubt, Trust God and Teach Your Children with Confidence"* by Jamie Erickson.

Glendale, AZ's Home League Secretary has been sending out a newsletter twice a month, filled with songs, games, the Territorial Newsletter and activities to keep the ladies connected.

Long Beach, CA started a newsletter to help keep the ladies connected with no digital presence. This as well as care packages and *Daily Walk* devotional magazine are delivered monthly.

Monterey, CA used the Territorial Book Club (through Caring Moms Collective) as a springboard for outreach. An invitation was offered to their Housing Program clients, and books were provided for the 4 moms who signed up. One client shared she absolutely loved participating, and even told some family members about it and they began participating as well!

Phoenix Citadel, AZ has had a ZOOM Jammies and a Tea Social all done virtually.

San Fernando Valley, CA started an on-line women's group, "365 Days with Jesus." Everyday Captain Nancy Argumedo offers a devotional thought, encouragement and Scripture.

Commissioner Colleen Riley—Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Colonel Donna Igleheart—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

28 Days of Friendship in February

Spend the month of February looking in God's Word and discover qualities of a true friend.

1. Ruth 1:1-18
2. 1 Samuel 18:1-4
3. Psalm 133:1-3
4. Proverbs 11:14, 12:26
5. Proverbs 13:20, 15:22
6. Proverbs 16:28, 18:24
7. Proverbs 17:9, 17:17
8. Proverbs 19:20, 20:6
9. Proverbs 22:11, 22:24-25
10. Proverbs 27:5-6, 9, 17
11. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
12. Luke 6:27-31
13. Luke 6:32-36
14. Luke 10:25-37
15. John 13:34-35
16. John 15:12-17
17. Romans 12:9-13
18. Romans 12:14-21
19. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
20. Galatians 6:1-6
21. Ephesians 4:25-28
22. Ephesians 4:29-32
23. Philippians 1:3-5
24. Philippians 2:3-4
25. Colossians 3:12-14
26. James 1:19-21]
27. 1 John 3:16-18
28. 1 John 4:7-12



Friendly Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

Valentine's Day like all the other holidays we have experienced while during the COVID-19 pandemic will be different. Showing friendship on Valentine's Day is a great way to reach out (in a safe and socially distanced manner) to the ladies in your church, women's ministries group, and even people in your neighborhood. Valentine's Day is about love, and "Just Being Friendly" is a great way to show love and care.



You don't even have to give a gift. Send a card or text. Pick up the phone and give your friend a call, and let them know how much you care about them. As you walk your neighborhood take the time to smile, wave and say hello to your neighbors. Who can you "Just Be Friendly" to this month?