



# GRE7ATER

14-DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



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## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

### Instructions

7 City Church is beginning a journey and we invite you and your family to travel with us. Our destination is full trust in Christ as we believe Him to do GREATER things in and through our lives. We have made this our goal because we want God to be glorified in 7 City, our individual lives, and our city. Our prayer is that the world will see in us an accurate reflection of who God is and what He is really like.

This 14-day devotional will provide an opportunity for your family to learn more of what it means to live GREATER as we place our full trust in God. Each of the 14 daily devotionals is divided into four parts:

#### **VERSE:**

*Read the verse.*

#### **ILLUSTRATION:**

*Read and discuss the illustration.*

#### **APPLICATION:**

*Read the application. Discuss how this truth can be applied to your life.*

#### **PRAYER:**

*End with a simple prayer asking God to help each family member receive and apply the truth they have learned each day. Use this time for prayer requests and include prayer for your church and its leadership.*

Choose a time of day when your whole family can gather together with the least number of distractions and interruptions. Make this an interesting and fun time for your family. If you have kids, teach them, by example, that spiritual things are to be taken both seriously and enjoyed. Also let them know that what you are doing, as a family and individually, is important to the future of our church. If you are single, or if you don't have immediate family living with you, set aside a personal time for prayer and reflection as you begin this devotional.

In John 14:12, Jesus said, **"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do *even greater* things than these, because I am going to the Father."** As we travel together on the journey the Lord has set before us, we want to honor Him with every step we take. As we do, we believe God will do GREATER things in each of us and for 7 City Church.

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# DAY 1: GREATER DEEDS

## Use Good Deeds to Turn the Attention on God

*"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." – Matthew 5:16 NLT*

### ILLUSTRATION

The year was 1964 in Anderson, South Carolina. Eighteen year-old James Robert Kennedy didn't have any friends, couldn't read or write, and had difficulty speaking. Robert was an easy target for harassment and ridicule. But all of that changed when he met Coach Harold Jones from T.L. Hanna High School during a football practice.

Coach Jones had a soft spot for kids with special needs, and that sensitive heart is what gave hope to "Radio." "Radio" was James Robert Kennedy's nickname (named after the transistor radio that he carried everywhere he went). Eventually Coach Jones invited Radio to practices and even football games. Whether helping with the water coolers or screaming cheers from the sidelines, Radio became just as much a member of the team as any player running the ball.

Over the years, Radio attended classes, made announcements on the intercom, ran errands for teachers, and helped clean the school cafeteria after lunch. And Coach Jones ensured Radio had everything he needed to feel part of the T.L. Hanna family. Because of his compassion, Jones not only impacted T.L. Hanna High School, but his influence was felt throughout the entire community.

Sheila Hilton, Instructional Specialist at T.L. Hanna High School, once wrote: "It would be easy to talk about all the school has done for Radio, but the miraculous thing about this story is what Radio has done for the school.... He has a permanent smile on his face. He is never without his ability to shake hands and hug necks. He returns exponentially whatever love is given to him. And here the irony rests. He gives back much more than he has received."

### APPLICATION

How can we let our light shine by doing greater deeds in the world?

### PRAYER

*Father, help us to always remember to let your light shine as we do greater deeds for your glory.*

# DAY 2: GREATER LOVE

## Live with the Love of God

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."  
– John 13:35 NIV*

### ILLUSTRATION

A few years ago, at the Seattle Special Olympics, six contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting line for the one hundred-meter run. There were 50,000 people in the stadium to watch them compete. The kids had prepared all year for this event and they all wanted to win.

The starting gun went off and all six began to run. Although they couldn't run very well, they were all giving it their very best. At about the 50-meter mark, one of the six runners stumbled and fell down, face first on the track. The little boy who fell began to cry.

The other five took a few more steps, but then heard the boy cry. They all slowed down and looked back at the fallen runner. The five turned around and went back—every one of them. One girl with Down's syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "That will make it better."

Then the six linked arms and walked to the finish line together—all of them crossing the finish line at the same moment. Each one received a gold medal.

### APPLICATION

What can I/we do this week to show God's Greater Love to a hurting person?

### PRAYER

*Father, please help each of us care about hurting people the way You do and show the love of God freely to others.*

# DAY 3: GREATER FORGIVENESS

## Extend the Forgiveness of God

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” – Ephesians 4:32 NIV*

### ILLUSTRATION

Lisa Beamer discovered firsthand the difficulty of the life shaping process. On September 11, 2001, her husband Todd, a software salesman for Oracle, boarded United Airlines flight 93. He had just returned from a family vacation in Europe. Rather than taking the original flight he had set up for September 10th, he rescheduled so he could spend one more night with his wife and children before heading to work. The horrific terrorist events of 9/11 changed everything.

Life had thrown Lisa and her children the ultimate curve ball—making her a widow and her kids fatherless. Lisa could have allowed bitterness, anger, and rage to set in and overwhelm her with despair, but she chose to be resilient.

In an NBC Dateline interview less than one year later, Stone Phillips asked Lisa a sobering question: “Can you ever forgive the hijackers?” Her response revealed her deep faith. She began by explaining how counterproductive bitterness and anger can be. Then she said, “I won’t allow someone else’s terrible actions to turn me into a person that I don’t want to be.”

Lisa Beamer could have easily become jaded. Instead, like clay in the hands of a potter, Lisa allowed God to restore her heart. And through her pain, she developed a depth of character greater than many of us will ever know.

### APPLICATION

How does forgiving others and asking others to forgive us shows the world what God is like?

### PRAYER

*Father, please help us be willing to ask for the forgiveness of others when we are wrong. Help us also show Greater forgiveness to others just like You have shown great forgiveness to us.*

# DAY 4: GREATER INTEGRITY

## Model the Character of God

*"The integrity of the honest keeps them on track; the deviousness of crooks brings them to ruin." – Proverbs 11:3 MSG*

### ILLUSTRATION

History is filled with people who have done extraordinary things. Although everyone has his or her list of achievements, not everyone has the character to finish strong. But Billy Graham has done just that.

At the age of 16, Billy Graham surrendered his life to Christ. After graduating from Wheaton College, he joined Youth For Christ and began preaching in rallies across the United States as well as Europe. But his ministry was catapulted beyond his imagination in 1949, as he conducted a crusade in Los Angeles. That three-week crusade was extended to over eight weeks as thousands made decisions to follow Christ.

Billy Graham's ministry grew to include radio, TV, a magazine, and a motion picture company that produced 130 films. He authored 25 books, was sought for counseling by many Presidents of the United States, and received numerous awards and honorary doctorates. Yet in the midst of all of it, Billy Graham guarded his integrity.

On one visit to England, after entering his hotel room, he reached to unplug the television. He knew that British television had nudity in its broadcasts and wanted to do everything possible to avoid the temptation. When Dr. Graham reached for the cord, he noticed there was no plug. Instead, the cable went directly into the wall. Without hesitating, Billy Graham took the cord and jerked as hard as he could. He ripped the cord out of the wall, tearing plaster all the way up to the ceiling. He turned to the shocked men with him, and said, "We can replace the plaster. I don't want to jeopardize what God wants to do in this crusade by allowing impurity into my life."

Billy Graham once said, "When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost." The reason his ministry started was because of his Greater passion for souls. But the reason his ministry has lasted is because of his commitment to Greater integrity.

### APPLICATION

Why is it important to live with integrity? What makes integrity such an important quality?

### PRAYER

*Father, the people in our world need to see You. Please help us to live with Greater character and integrity, even when nobody is looking.*



# DAY 5: GREATER LIKENESS

## Reveal the Presence of God

*Jesus replied, "...Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father..." – John 14:9 NLT*

### ILLUSTRATION

Joe, an alcoholic, came to know Christ at a mission in Chicago. Prior to his conversion, he had gained the reputation of being a drunk for whom there was no hope, only a miserable existence in the ghetto.

But following his salvation experience, everything changed in his life. Joe became the most caring person that anyone associated with the mission had ever known. Joe spent his days and nights at the mission doing whatever needed to be done.

There was never any task that was too lowly for Joe to take on. There was never anything that he was asked to do that he considered beneath him. Whether it was cleaning up the bathroom after someone had been sick or scrubbing the filthy floors, Joe did what was asked of him with a soft smile on his face and with seeming gratitude for the chance to help.

He could always be counted on to feed the men who wandered into the mission off of the streets. He would undress those who were too drunk or sick to care for themselves and tuck them into bed.

One evening, when the director of the mission was delivering his evening evangelistic message to the usual crowd of pitiful men, there was one man who looked up and came down the aisle to the altar. The man knelt to pray, crying out to God to help him to change.

The repentant drunk kept shouting, "Oh God, make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! Make me like Joe!" The director of the mission finally leaned over and said to the man, "Son, I think it would be better if you prayed, 'Make me like Jesus!'" The man looked up at the director with a quizzical expression on his face and asked, "Is he like Joe?"

### APPLICATION

How can we be more like Jesus this week in our words and actions?

### PRAYER

*Father, please help me to be more like You in my words and actions so others will see You in me.*

# DAY 6: GREATER ATTITUDE

## Have the Mind of God

*"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." – Colossians 3:2-3 NIV*

### ILLUSTRATION

"I would rather have one leg and a positive attitude than two legs and a negative attitude." Reading a statement like that might sound like nothing more than a cute quote designed to inspire optimism in all of us. But what makes that statement powerful is not so much what it says but who said it. Roger Crawford is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University where he was a varsity tennis player. With an intense commitment to develop his skills, Roger was certified as a teaching professional by the United States Professional Tennis Association. What's the big deal, you say? Roger has no hands and only one leg.

When he was born, Roger was diagnosed with Ectrodactyly, and the doctors gave his parents no hope of a normal life. But Roger's parents refused to let his physical handicap define his life. They instilled a strong work ethic and a positive attitude in their son. On one occasion Roger got in trouble for continually turning school work in late, yet his parents wouldn't settle for excuses.

"My parents always taught me that I am only as handicapped as I wanted to be," Roger said. "They never allowed me to feel sorry for myself or take advantage of people because of my handicap." And that "Greater" attitude is what enabled Roger to look beyond his disabilities to the possibilities.

Today, Roger travels extensively inspiring people to overcome their obstacles and develop a winning attitude. More than anything else, Roger's attitude, and the attitude embraced by his parents, enabled him to achieve success.

### APPLICATION

Is there anything in my life that is keeping me from pursuing the purpose God created me to fulfill or having a "Greater" attitude about my circumstances?

### PRAYER

*Father, through your Spirit, help us to discover who we are in You and to possess the "Greater" attitude toward the difficulties in our lives.*

# DAY 7: GREATER FAITHFULNESS

## Never Give Up on Others

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10 NIV*

### ILLUSTRATION

Ovella Johnston was a pastor's wife who always tried to stay away from the spotlight. When she and her husband took a small struggling church in Stephenville, Texas, there was no one to teach the youth Sunday School class. There were only a handful of teenagers anyway and some considered not having a Bible class for them. But Ovella accepted the challenge – very much against her natural personality.

Two boys were a special difficulty to Ovella. Their single mom rarely attended church due to her work schedule, but someone always took the brothers to church. It was obvious that Chris and his brother were not very interested in being in church on a Sunday morning.

There were numerous Sunday afternoons that Ovella felt like quitting. She had plenty of excuses—she felt too old, the students didn't seem to care, she was out of touch with that generation, and she felt like a poor teacher. But no one else seemed to be willing to take the class, so she pressed on. After one particularly rough Sunday morning, she felt like a failure. She complained to God and the Holy Spirit broke her heart with a burden for her students. She began to pray regularly for each student to have a personal encounter with God.

The student that caused the most trouble was Chris. One day something happened to Chris; he had a personal encounter with God. That encounter changed his life and Chris began a spiritual journey that eventually led him to take his wife and family and move to China as a missionary. When Chris talks about his faith journey, he shares about a Sunday School teacher who loved him and taught him that God had a plan for his life. Because of Ovella's Greater faithfulness, today Chris is living out that plan.

### APPLICATION

What can we do as a family to show Greater faithfulness with our God-given gifts and abilities?

### PRAYER

*Father, help us to be faithful with the gifts and abilities you have entrusted to us so that others can experience the love of Christ.*

# DAY 8: GREATER SERVICE

## Be a Servant to Others

*"Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for the many who are held hostage."*  
– Matthew 20:26-28 MSG

### ILLUSTRATION

Agnes was born in Yugoslavia, the youngest of three children. Her family was very involved in church activities, services, and the choir, but Agnes had a different passion—missions work in India. At the age of 12, Agnes sensed God's calling to become a nun, and on May 21, 1931, she took her first vows, which required her to assume a new name. She chose "Teresa," and today we remember Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu as Mother Teresa.

After completing a short nursing course, Sister Teresa entered Calcutta's streets. In this ocean of need, she began teaching school – the dirt streets becoming her chalkboard. She expressed the tangible love of Jesus to the homeless and the sick. And on October 7, 1950, she started a new order of nuns: "The Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity." As the leader of the order, Sister Teresa became Mother Teresa.

These faithful women woke at 4:30 every morning to pray, followed by a full day of serving in the slums. Eventually they started a children's home, a leper village, and shelters for the disabled.

After years of faithful ministry, the Missionaries of Charity gained international recognition when a British journalist discovered their uncommon acts of love. The news spread like wildfire and soon these women were hailed as heroes of compassion. Mother Teresa received honorary degrees, and in 1979, she received the Nobel Peace Prize. When she heard the news, she replied, "I accept this award in the name of the poor," and then she insisted that the celebration dinner be cancelled so the money could be spent on the poor.

Mother Teresa's faithful service to the poor continued until her death on September 5th, 1997. On her grave are carved the words of Jesus—"Love one another as I have loved you." Mother Teresa learned the secret to being great: serving.

### APPLICATION

Have I fully allowed Jesus' definition of being "great" to change my life? Am I more concerned about serving me or serving others?

### PRAYER

*Father, please help us to serve with all of our hearts and to bless others in Your name.*

# DAY 9: GREATER STEWARDSHIP

## Share God's Resources with Others

*"Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow."*

– James 1:17 NLT

### ILLUSTRATION

A man once worked in the Sporting Goods section of a big department store. His area was right next to the candy counter. One day he noticed a little boy about six years old with his nose pressed against the glass looking at all the different kinds of candy. The man could tell from the way the little boy and his mother were dressed that neither he, nor she, probably had any money for extras like candy.

The kind man felt sorry for the little boy, so he went up to the little boy's mother and asked her if it would be okay for him to buy her son some candy. She smiled gratefully and said, "Yes." The man turned to the little boy and told him to pick out whichever candy he would like to have. The boy's eyes lit up, and he hurriedly pointed to the chocolate-covered caramels that he had been looking at longingly.

The man told the clerk behind the candy counter to give the boy a pound of the candy he had chosen. Then the man took out his wallet and paid the clerk for the candy, and the clerk handed the bag of candy to the little boy.

The little guy immediately opened the bag and began to eat the candy. The man who had purchased the candy for the boy said, "Son, may I have a piece of your candy?" The little boy looked up at the man who had just paid for the candy and shouted, "NO—this is all my candy," and he ran away!

### APPLICATION

Do we ever act like all the money and possessions we have belong to us?"

### PRAYER

*Father, please help us to remember that we don't have anything that didn't come from You. Teach us to wisely steward the resources you have entrusted to us, and to give as freely to You and to others as You have given to us.*

# DAY 10: GREATER ENCOURAGEMENT

## Choose to Believe in Others

*"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them." – Ephesians 4:29 NLT*

### ILLUSTRATION

In January of 1999, at Lamar High School in Arlington, Texas, Jeremy Wariner got cut from the high school baseball team. Jeremy was very depressed because baseball was his first love. Lamar High School track coach, James Stallings, observed Jeremy's dejection and encouraged Jeremy to join the track and field team. At the time Coach Stallings had no idea whether or not Jeremy could even run, jump, or throw a shot put.

Jeremy decided to try out for track in the 400 meters, which is one full lap around the track. Coach Stallings clocked Jeremy running the 400 meters for the first time. To his surprise Jeremy ran a very good time, especially, without having ever run track before. Believing in Jeremy's potential, Stallings handed Jeremy over to track short distance specialist coach, Mike Nelson, to train Jeremy as a sprinter in the 200 meter and 400 meter events. Astonishingly, in Jeremy's senior year in track at Lamar High School, Jeremy won the 2002 Texas 5A state sprint championship in both the 200 meters and 400 meters, setting high school bests of 20.41 seconds (wind assisted) and 45.57 seconds respectively.

After graduating high school, Jeremy enrolled at Baylor University on a track scholarship. In his sophomore year under the guidance of Coach Clyde Hart, Jeremy won both the 2004 NCAA Division 1 indoor and outdoor 400 meter titles. Later that same year during the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Jeremy won two Olympic gold medals, the first in the 400 meters and the second as the third leg of the U.S. 4 x 400 meters relay team.

After the 2004 Olympics, Jeremy turned professional and continues to run and win. In March 2013, Jeremy won the championship in the 400 meters at the USA Indoor Track & Field Championships. If Coach Stallings had not encouraged Jeremy when he was down, and believed in who Jeremy could become, we would have never known the potential of this superstar!

### APPLICATION

Who can we encourage this week so they can take another step forward in reaching their full potential?

### PRAYER

*Father, please help us to be sensitive to the needs of the people You place in our paths each day and show us how to encourage others to reach their full potential.*

# DAY 11: GREATER TRUST

## Put Your Faith in Christ

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” – Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV*

### ILLUSTRATION

The story is told about a family who was awakened in the middle of the night by their smoke detector to discover that their house was on fire. The father ran into the upstairs bedroom of his children and carried his baby in his arms while dragging his four-year-old son by the hand.

They were halfway down the stairs when the little boy remembered that he had left his teddy bear in the bedroom, so he broke free from his father’s hand and ran back into the bedroom to get his beloved bear.

In the confusion, the father didn’t notice that his son wasn’t with him until he got outside. By that time, the little boy was trapped by the flames and the smoke. As the smoke swirled around him he cried out from the upstairs window, “Help me, Daddy, Help me!”

His father yelled from below, “Jump out of the window, Andy! I’ll catch you!” In the darkness and smoke, the little boy yelled back, “But Daddy! I can’t see you!” His Daddy shouted back, “It’s okay, son. I can see you! Jump!”

When you are afraid of the future and afraid of the dark, and can’t see what lies ahead, God simply says, “It’s okay. I can see. Jump and I’ll catch you.”

### APPLICATION

Is trusting God an easy or a hard thing for you to do? How can you develop Greater trust in your life?

### PRAYER

*Father, please give us the desire to trust and obey You and then the strength to do so every day.*

# DAY 12: GREATER GIVING

## Become Generous

*"What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me?" – Psalm 116:12 NLV*

### ILLUSTRATION

In 2 Samuel chapter 24 we see the story of King David and the plague that God sends upon Israel that kills 70,000 people. God has mercy and stops the plague at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. King David visits Araunah to buy his threshing floor and his oxen to sacrifice to the Lord as an expression of thanks. Araunah offers to give David the threshing floor and the oxen, but King David said that he would not offer burnt offerings to God which cost him nothing.

David then buys the threshing floor and oxen for fifty shekels of silver from Araunah. King David had the wisdom and understanding to know that if he did not work for or earn what was being sacrificed; it would not be a true sacrifice.

Jesus, our ultimate example, gave the supreme sacrifice by giving His life for all mankind. Through Him we have the blessings of God. We sacrifice our time, talent, and treasure to be able to provide food, shelter, and clothing for our families. Our paychecks are very important to us for these reasons and when we sacrifice His tithes and our offerings to the Lord, He is well pleased. Greater giving often includes Greater sacrifice.

### APPLICATION

What has God done for us as a family? How has God blessed us?

The GREATER Campaign is designed to help us see greater growth at 7 City Church and greater impact in our city by doing three things: Eliminating our debt, Expanding our team, and Enlarging our auditorium. Because of God's blessings to us, how should we as a family respond to the GREATER campaign at 7 City Church?

In John 14:12, Jesus said, "...whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things..." In other words, Jesus was saying, "GREATER things happen when FAITH meets WORKS."

Spend time as a family in discussion and prayer over your GREATER commitment card. What step of faith does the Lord want you to take so that greater things can be done? When you have reached a decision as a family as to how you would like to financially partner with the GREATER campaign, complete the commitment card and bring it with you on Sunday, May 5th or return it by mail to the church office.

### PRAYER

*Father, give us the heart of a true giver. Let us know, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, what You would have us give as an offering to 7 City Church for the GREATER campaign.*



# DAY 13: GREATER APPROVAL

## Seek Heaven's Applause

*"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."  
– Galatians 1:10 NIV*

### ILLUSTRATION

An ancient story is told about a father and his son who were walking along a road one day with their donkey. Soon they met a man who told them how foolish they were to walk when they had a donkey that could be ridden. So the father and son hopped on the donkey's back.

They hadn't gone very far when another man criticized them both for riding on the donkey. He said they were too heavy for the donkey and were being inhumane. So the boy got off. It wasn't long before a third traveler accused the father of being inconsiderate because he made his son walk while he rode. So the father and the boy switched places.

Soon they met a fourth man who charged the boy with not being thoughtful of his father who was much older than he. When they were last seen, the father and son were trudging down the road carrying the donkey.

### APPLICATION

Can you think of a time when you tried to please people instead of pleasing God? What did you learn from that experience?

### PRAYER

*Father, give us the desire to seek your approval regardless of what others think, and give us the grace to allow You to be the most influential person in our lives.*

# DAY 14: GREATER RELIANCE

## Lean on God to Meet Your Needs

*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 NIV

### ILLUSTRATION

There was a farmer who had a beautiful Golden Retriever named Cindy. She had a litter of puppies and when they were old enough to be weaned, the farmer put a sign in his yard that said, "Puppies For Sale."

One day a little boy knocked on the farm house door and said to the farmer, "Hi Mister, I'd like to buy a puppy!"

The farmer smiled and said to the boy, "Son, I'm afraid you couldn't afford one of my puppies. You see, their mother is a champion and the puppies are worth a lot of money." The little boy dug deep down in his pocket and pulled out some change. "I got twenty-five cents, Mister. Will that at least buy me a look?"

"Sure it will, Son." The farmer replied. As he led the boy around back, the most beautiful dog the little boy had ever seen came running and right behind her came five adorable puppies. Another puppy, much smaller than the rest, stood at the door of the dog house.

When this puppy started down the ramp of the dog house, he just rolled head over heels onto the ground. The little puppy picked himself up and tried to run to join his brothers and sisters, but he stumbled a lot and ran sideways. As the puppy jumped into the little boy's arms, the child screamed, "This is the one I want, oh please, Mister, this is the one I want."

"But, Son," the farmer said, "you don't want this puppy. You see, he is the runt of the litter and he will never be able to run and play with you like these others."

The little boy slowly stood up and pulled up the leg of his pants to reveal a brace on one of his legs. "See, Mister, I don't run so good either and I just thought he needed somebody who could understand."

### APPLICATION

Does knowing that God can identify with our pain and understand our problems make it easier for you to trust God to meet your needs? Why, or why not?

### PRAYER

*Father, we thank you for sending Jesus to earth, not just to be our Savior but to identify with all our hurts. Thank you that we can trust a Savior who understands, cares about, and meets our needs.*





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