

amount of hurting people around Jesus for some reason?

I'm not sure that is the reason. I think it may be that Jesus just didn't insulate himself from the hurting. You know what I mean. At times I will look up and see someone at a distance thinking to myself, "Oh no. I don't have the energy for this today."

See, I am sometimes selfish with my helping. I may select people who look like they could be helped with just a little nudge. For those who seem like they might have the same problem the next day, I might be less inclined to help. In my brain I reason, "This isn't really helping them. I think it is just shoving the problem a bit further down the path."

So, my willingness to help may be impacted by how successful I can be. If I don't think I can eliminate the problem, I may be less inclined to step in.

Now I see that my helping is tied to my pride, or my feeling of success. In those situations, perhaps I am acting from my own motivations rather than out of the need of others. That isn't a healthy motivation.

My task is to love my neighbor as myself, I can't let my willingness be hampered by anything.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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Flying to the Rock

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I like to help people. I know many of you do as well, because when I bring an opportunity before you... you respond. That is good, actually great.

Knowing when to help, how to help, and who to help is often a problem. As I reflect on the life of Jesus as presented in the story of the Gospels, Jesus was helping people all of his ministry. Just walking from place to place he was approached for help, or he recognized a place where he could intervene. Sometimes the blind or lepers would call out to him. Once he came across the noises of a funeral procession and raised the widow of Nain's son from the dead.

The question I've asked myself is, "Why did Jesus have so many opportunities to do good?" Was God placing an inordinate

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Breusing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Breusing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JANUARY 29, 2017

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
GATHERING SONG: No. 435—Come Into His Presence
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 (Chase Mansel)
SONGS: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad
No. 533—I Am a Sheep
No. 435—Come Into His Presence
No. 65—*Thanksgiving Medley*
-No. 66—Doxology
-No. 67—For the Beauty of the Earth
-No. 68—Give Thanks
PRAYER: Richard Breusing
SONG: No. 18—Faithful Love
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Orrin Feril
Chris Mansel
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 546—Til the Storm Passes By
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 947—Jesus is Tenderly Calling (vs 1)
PRAYER: Garland Mansel

WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again! Please stay for our potluck lunch today.

WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

- Adult Bible Class at 7:30 pm
- Youth Group at 7:30 pm at Carl's house

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chet Lyons—January 30
Anissa Potter—February 3

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

Ladies—It is time to register for the upcoming Women Walking with God conference if you want to get the early-bird price of \$63. After January 31st, the price goes up to \$68; each registration includes lunch this year.

Reimbursement for the conference fee and one night motel room is available for any of our ladies—please contact Richard.

The conference will again be held at the Hartman Arena in Wichita. See more information on the website:
<https://womenwalkingwithgod.org>



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Phyllis Staub—has been placed on Hospice Care; still at Kenwood Plaza
Laura Wyatt—still on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza; continues to get weaker
Marilyn Thornburg's grandson, Timothy—has been in Kansas City in the hospital with lung problems
Betty Chlumsky's son, Mike—recovering from pneumonia
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - cancer; taking chemo & radiation
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard & Shelly) - as Cris is treated for her cancer
Jonathan Batten—ongoing cancer treatment
Greg Barlage (Baylee Sizemore's cousin, who lives in Wellesley, MA) diagnosed with Leukemia
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - improving health
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - leukemia
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) and his wife, Kathy
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Sharon Goode Ames—lung cancer
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – on Hospice Care at Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Myron Breusing (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead
Vic Staub—Kenwood Plaza
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza