

Take It To Jesus

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Hi Downey church friends and family, Happy Sabbath.

All right, this week's kids story is about best friends. So, I have a best friend, my best friend's actually, my husband. And I know some of us have other best friends. And it might be an actual friend that is not related to us. Or it might be a friend that it's related. Maybe it's your brother or your sister or your mom or your dad. Or maybe it's your grandma or grandpa and auntie, your uncle, or a cousin, that's your same age, and they might be your best friend. And sometimes, when we play with our best friends, sometimes we have a hard time understanding each other. And I know that I have a hard time understanding or being understood by my best friend sometimes. And sometimes there are things that I do that can be really mean or hurtful, even though I don't mean for them to be mean or hurtful.

And in what happens in two weeks, that actually... two weeks ago, my I was not being understood. And I told my best friend in different ways, and trying to be as kind as possible that what he was saying or doing was painful to me, and that it was really hurting me. And then I really didn't want him to communicate with me that way. And, and I told him maybe two or three times different ways as clearly as I could. And I was just not being heard. And my heart was really sad. And I was feeling just very broken. And when I was just feeling probably the worst. I pray to God and I said, God, why does my best friend keep hurting me? Why? I'm so tired of him hurting me over and over. And I really don't want to keep being hurt. And I'm doing my best to explain to him how to not hurt me. But he keeps hurting may why? And guess what I heard? I heard him say have you brought it to me?

I had prayed and prayed a lot. But I had not prayed about that. So I prayed and I asked God to be with me for Safe travels. And I asked for to bless my food and for all the other little stuff that is just automatic. But I hadn't told my my other best friend God about my problems with with my heavy. And so I was walking back from lunch when I was thinking this. And so the moment that I walked into my room, my classroom, I close the door, and I prayed. And I said you know what,

Dear Jesus, please forgive me. I'm not being a good friend to you right now. Because I am not telling you everything that is on my heart. And please help my best friend, to hear me and to understand me, and to make a change so that he doesn't hurt me anymore. And I've tried all the different ways that I can. And I'm just not getting through. And I really need your help. And I finished praying. And I just took a deep breath. And I gave all my worries to him. I said, you know, I don't want to worry about it anymore. I'm just giving it to you. Because I tried. I can't. It's all yours, God. And he gave it to him.

And we can do that. We really can. God wants us to do that actually. And so then, after I poured my heart out to him, I waited and I just did everything that I do every other day. And then I decided, sorry, then I heard my phone buzz 30 minutes later. And I had a text message from my best friend. And he said, Hey, I'm sorry. I'm really sorry that we're not understanding each other and we're not getting along. And I really, really want to fix it. And I hadn't told him a thing. That whole day. I hadn't talked to him about it. But my heart was crushed. And guess who did it? God did. And so then that Saturday, I went to church and I heard elder Bill talk about how it is our job to love. It's God's job to judge and it is the Holy Spirit's job to convict and to say, Hey, you, hard headed person. Me, I'm big, hard headed person. Listen up. You're doing something you're not supposed to be doing. And you know what? I was just so overwhelmed with excitement and gladness and happiness. Because God came through for me and the only thing I needed to do with ask.

So friends when you're having trouble with your best friend or your brothers and sisters, they're not your best friend. Take it to God. Tell him he loves us, and he cares about us. And there's a Bible verse I want to share with you. It's Isaiah 41:13. And it says, A Fear not for I am the one who helps you. So I hope that if you are in a pickle with someone that you love, that you're able to pray for them, and pray over them, and ask God to bless them, and only show them love, even though they've hurt you. Because that's our job. Love them well, and take care of them. And God will do what he needs to do. That's his job, not your job to convince, just give it to God, and He will take care of you.

Alright, boys and girls, let's head our heads to pray. Dear Jesus, we thank you so much because you have given us open access to you. And you say, bring me all

your troubles, I want your heavy burdens, and I will fix them and I will make give you a very light burden. And that's just such an amazing gift. And I'm just so grateful for that today, Lord Jesus. And I want to thank you because you are always looking out for our best interest and to help us and to help us have good relationships with the people here on earth, and to make a little bit of heaven here on earth, until we get to go be with you and have true heaven with you forever. We love you so much and we thank You for dying for us. In your very sweet name we pray, amen. Amen.

I hope this was helpful to you. Bye