

Episode 10

Music with a Message JESUS CHRIST—FRIEND

NARRATOR: Friendship is an extremely important part of your life. A true friend is someone who makes it easier to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Cultivate good friends. They are so valuable. Remember that the Savior valued his friends so highly that he would lay down his life for them. He had this to say about friends, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” Emilie de Azevedo sings, “Greater Love” from the album “Women at the Well.”

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“Greater Love” sung by Emilie de Azevedo

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NARRATOR: Above all, cultivate our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ as your friend. Being His friend will, without exception, lift your vision and bring you comfort, guidance, peace, and yes, even the companionship of other true friends. I know something of His love, His compassion, His mercy and the help one may receive from Him and the Holy Spirit. He has promised that by obedience to His word you shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures. With Jesus as your friend, you may receive increased strength and testimony that will uphold you against temptations when they arise. Rebecca Lopez sings, “Be Still, My Soul” from the album “When You Believe.”

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“Be Still, My Soul” sung by Rebecca Lopez

Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side;
With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: Thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Thru thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: The hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: When change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: Do you know how to recognize a true friend? A real friend loves us and protects us. In recognizing a true friend, we must look for two important elements in that friendship. A true friend makes it easier for us to live the gospel by being around him. Similarly, a true friend does not make us choose between his way and the Lord's way. A true friend will help us return to our Father in Heaven with honor. Hilary Weeks sings, “Lead Me Home” from the album “Lead Me Home.”

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“Lead Me Home” sung by Hilary Weeks

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NARRATOR: The Savior Jesus Christ admonished us in Matthew 5:48 to strive to be perfect even as our Father which is in Heaven is perfect. In the Greek, from which it was translated, the term “perfect” means fully developed, to become finished as to our individual potential, and to have completed the course God has set forth for us to follow. All of the Godly attributes, to the degree developed through our diligence and obedience, will actually rise with us in the resurrection giving us so much the advantage in the world to come. Perfection is worth striving for even if it is ultimately unattainable in this life. For it is through our struggle to become like the Savior and His Father that we will be responding to the scriptural mandate to come unto Christ, and be perfected in him. Mindy Gledhill sings, “A Little More Like Thee” from the album “The Sum of All Grace.”

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“A Little More Like Thee” sung by Mindy Gledhill

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NARRATOR: Jesus is the perfect model of personal righteousness. He is the physical embodiment of every virtue and godly attribute one could ever aspire to. We must learn to follow Jesus and His magnificent example as He followed His Father in Heaven. There is a large portrait of the Savior on the wall of President Thomas S. Monson's office. President Monson said that whenever he is confronted by a difficult challenge he looks at the picture and asks himself, “What would the Savior do?” “Behold,” said the Savior to the Nephites, “I am the light; I have set an example for you.” He often told his disciples to “Follow me.” His was a program of do what I do, rather than do what I say. After he humbly ministered to His apostles by kneeling before them and washing their feet, He taught them “I have given you an example, that ye should do

as I have done to you.” Listen now as One Clear Voice sings, “I’m Trying to Be Like Jesus” from the album “One Clear Voice.”

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“I’m Trying to Be like Jesus” sung by One Clear Voice

I'm trying to be like Jesus; I'm following in his ways.
I'm trying to love as he did, in all that I do and say.
At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice,
But I try to listen as the still small voice whispers,
"Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
For these are the things Jesus taught. Jesus taught."

I'm trying to love my neighbor; I'm learning to serve my friends.
I watch for the day of gladness when Jesus will come again.
I try to remember the lessons he taught.
Then the Holy Spirit enters into my thoughts, saying:
"Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
For these are the things Jesus taught. Jesus taught.
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[END MUSIC]

NARRATOR: The Savior is selfless. He viewed himself and His own needs as secondary. And He ministered to others tirelessly, lovingly, effectively. Nephi wrote, “He doeth not anything save it be for the benefit of the world; for He loveth the world, even that He layeth down His own life that He may draw all men unto Him. The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.” Jenny Frogley now sings, “His Hands” from the album “Especially For Youth 1997: Treasure the Truth.”

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“His Hands” sung by Jenny Frogley

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NARRATOR:

Let us pray often, feast upon the words of Christ, and attain and perfect the perfect attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be loyal, courageous and humble. Let us build brotherhood and willingly sacrifice for the sake of the kingdom. And let us be full of love and service toward all of mankind. The words from the third verse of the beautiful sacred hymn “More Holiness Give Me” state lofty ideals for those who would follow the Savior. “More purity give me, more strength to o’ercome, more freedom from earth stains, more longing for home. More fit for the kingdom, more used would I be, more blessed and more holy, more, Savior, like thee.” The Brigham Young University Men’s Chorus sings, “More Holiness Give Me” from the album “The Brigham Young University Men’s Chorus: Praise Him.”

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“More Holiness Give Me” sung by The Brigham Young University Men’s Chorus

More holiness give me, More strivings within,
More patience in suffring, More sorrow for sin,
More faith in my Savior, More sense of his care,
More joy in his service, More purpose in prayer.

More gratitude give me, More trust in the Lord,
More pride in his glory, More hope in his word,
More tears for his sorrows, More pain at his grief,
More meekness in trial, More praise for relief.

More purity give me, More strength to o’ercome,
More freedom from earth stains, More longing for home.
More fit for the kingdom, More used would I be,
More blessed and holy, holy,
More, more Savior, dear Savior, like thee.

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