



No Worries (Part 8)

Three Relatable Buddy Wrap Storylines

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SERIES TEXT: Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life." Philipians 4:6-7 MSG

SERIES BIG IDEA: If you will turn to God in prayer, He will do for you what you cannot do for yourself.

"In the same way Dr. Pastor buddy wrapped my son's broken finger, Jesus buddy wraps us in our brokenness and heals our deepest wounds when we remain together in community with both God and people."
- Ryan Bunbury, *No Worries: How Turning Worry into Prayer Changed My Life*

THREE RELATABLE BUDDY WRAP STORYLINES

I. THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

- God's Word is LIVING and ACTIVE. - Hebrews 4:12
- This man [eunuch] had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot READING THE BOOK OF ISAIAH the prophet.- Acts 8:27b-28 NIV
- "And make sure no physically mutilated person [eunuch] is ever made to think, 'I'm damaged goods. I don't really belong.'" - God, Isaiah 56:3b MSG
- "The mountains may depart and the hills removed, but my steadfast LOVE SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOU, and my covenant of PEACE SHALL NOT BE REMOVED," says the Lord. - Isaiah 54:10 ESV
- "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases ME... I will give them an everlasting name that will NOT BE CUT OFF." - God, Isaiah 56:4-5b NIV
- "I will... transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of HOPE." - The Lord, Hosea 2:15a NLT
- The Scriptures were written to teach and encourage us by GIVING US HOPE. - Romans 15:4 CEV
- May THE GOD OF HOPE fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may OVERFLOW WITH HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13 NIV

II. PHILIP

- Philip went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah... And many who had been PARALYZED OR LAME were healed. - Acts 8:5, 7b NLT
- The Spirit told Philip, "GO to that chariot and STAY NEAR IT. - Acts 8:29-30 MSG

Who is Jesus calling you to? _____ When you go to them, Jesus will open doors, open hearts, and give you courage to open your mouth and unleash His hope.

- "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless SOMEONE explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. - Acts 8:30b-31 NIV
- "If someone asks about YOUR HOPE as a believer, ALWAYS BE READY TO EXPLAIN IT." - 1 Peter 3:15 NLT

"Always be Ready" Advice: *Talk to God about Seattle before talking to Seattle about God.*

- The eunuch asked Philip, "WHO is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" - Acts 8:34 NIV
- Philip [grabbed his chance] began with that very passage of Scripture and TOLD HIM THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS. - Acts 8:35 NIV

III. SEATTLE

- "I've got my hand on THIS CITY to SAVE it." - God, Isaiah 37:35 MSG

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- As they traveled along the road they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Why shouldn't I be BAPTIZED?" Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST IS the Son of God." ... and PHILIP BAPTIZED HIM. - Acts 8:36-38 NIV
- He had what he'd come for and went on down the road AS HAPPY AS HE COULD BE. - Acts 8:39 MSG

SALVATION PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Now what are you waiting for? Get up, BE BAPTIZED and wash your sins away, calling on his name. Acts 22:16 NIV