

A FRIEND IN NEED

“Dealing With Relationship Difficulties” – Part 2 of 4

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*“Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help him up!”*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)

“Friends love through all kinds of weather.” Proverbs 17:17 (MSG)

HOW TO HELP YOUR FRIEND

1. _____ UP

*“Anyone who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.”
Job 6:14 (NIV)*

*“When Job's three friend...heard about all the troubles that had come upon him,
they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and
sympathize with him and comfort him.” Job 2:11 (NIV)*

2. SHARE THEIR _____

*“When they saw him from a distance...they began to weep aloud, and they tore
their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. Then they sat on the ground with
him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they
saw how great his suffering was.” Job 2:12-13 (NIV)*

3. SUPPORT THEM WITH _____

*“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in
spirit.” Psalm 34:18 (NIV)*

*“Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)*

*“I cry out to the Lord; I plead for the Lord's mercy. I pour out my complaints before
him and tell Him all my troubles. When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the
way I should turn...” Psalm 142:1-3 (NLT)*

4. START WITH _____

"You are only hurting yourself with your anger." **Job 18:4 (GN)**

"My guilt overwhelms me -- it is a burden too heavy to bear... But I confess my sins; I am deeply sorry for what I have done." **Psalm 38:4, 18 (NLT)**

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." **Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)**

5. SUGGEST ACCEPTING _____

David: "I fasted and wept while the child was alive... But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back to life?" **(See 2 Samuel 12:16-23)**

6. STRENGTHEN THEIR _____

"I would have despaired unless I had believed that I'd see the goodness of the LORD..." **Psalm 27:13 (NAS)**

"Faith comes from hearing the message...heard through the Word of Christ."

Romans 10:17 (NIV)

"I am completely discouraged... Revive me by your Word." **Psalm 119:25 (LB)**

7. SPEAK WORDS OF _____

"God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished..." **Philippians 1:6 (LB)**

"Put your heart right, reach out to God...then face the world again, firm and courageous. Then all your troubles will fade from your memory..."

Job 11:13-16 (GN)