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## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

A popular spiritual song is “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” It is not a majestic hymn, but many Christians have found it rich in comfort for a soul in need. Wherever the Gospel is preached, people have sung and loved the familiar words. Note how faithfully the song reflects Scripture!

### *“What a friend we have in Jesus,”*

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”

John 10:11

“[Jesus is] a friend of tax collectors and sinners!”

Matthew 11:19

### *“All our sins and griefs to bear!”*

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.”

Isaiah 53:4

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.”

1 Peter 2:24

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### *“What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!”*

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

John 15:7

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

### *“Oh, what peace we often forfeit”*

“He Himself is our peace.”

Ephesians 2:14

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. . . . Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

John 14:27

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:7

### *“Oh, what needless pain we bear . . .”*

“But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.”

Psalms 73:2–3

“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation.”

Psalms 42:5

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### *“Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?”*

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you.”

1 Peter 4:12

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

“The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials.”

2 Peter 2:9

### *“We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.”*

“We know that for those who love God all things work together for good.”

Romans 8:28

“Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you.”

Psalms 55:22

### *“Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?”*

“No longer do I call you servants, . . . but I have called you friends.”

John 15:15

“In all their affliction He was afflicted, . . . in His love and in His pity He redeemed them.”

Isaiah 63:9

***“Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness . . .”***

“He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

Mark 6:34

“We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Hebrews 4:15

***“Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?”***

“The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.”

Isaiah 61:1–2

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

***“Precious Savior, still our refuge . . .”***

“The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

Psalm 46:7

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”

John 10:28

***“Do your friends despise,  
forsake you? . . .”***

“Even my close friend in whom I trusted . . . has lifted his heel against me.”

Psalm 41:9

“Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.”

John 15:20

***“In His arms He’ll take and shield  
you; You will find a solace there.”***

“The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.”

Deuteronomy 33:27

“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.”

Isaiah 66:13



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