

Dare To Care

how to cultivate meaningful relationships

MAIN IDEA || If we are to know and help each other, we will reside close to where someone's world and heart meet.

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★ How Can I Help?

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- **See** his compassion & strength: "Where can you see God helping you through this?"
- **Remember** his faithful love: "When did God demonstrate & verify His love for you?" [Cross]

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- ☐ "I'm with you praying with expectation & faith for **healing**."
- ☐ "I'm with you praying for a **renewing** of your faith."

Our circumstances contain the power to reveal our hearts.

*"When we run into a detour at the worst time,
we notice that our hearts are more angry and demanding than we had thought."*

~ Edward Welch

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

1. How might someone's "fragile clay jars"... "make it clear" that our "great power" is from God?

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2. You can help someone influenced by their weak & withering bodies by paying attention to what's happening on the inside of their withering body.

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- a. In what way have you noticed your own body withering ?
- b. Despite that physical weakness, have you ever noticed your inner spirit being renewed every day?
- c. How might one of these affirmations help you help someone you care about?
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3. Can you think of any circumstances that God may have used to reveal your heart to you. How has that helped you mature in faith?