



Dear Friends

Have you ever felt small or insignificant and wondered what you could do to make a difference in this world of ours. We hear people say “well, what could I do?” We can do much more than we think we can! We can stand up for what is right, we can serve others, we can

phone someone who is lonely, we can help someone who is in pain, we can walk alongside someone who is grieving. I recently watched a little bird chase a bigger bird away from its territory, the little bird showed courage and was not put off by something larger and it didn't give up the chase.

There are times in our everyday life whether at home or at work, where we need to show courage and persevere when life gets tough. We are reminded that we are never alone in all the ups and downs of life, because God goes with us.

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

We've been thinking about plants and gardens over the last couple of weeks and I've been thinking of a small acorn and how it grows into a large oak tree. We may be small just like an acorn, but just like the Oak Tree we can spread the love of God to those who come close to us. Just as the Oak Tree spreads shade and shelter, we too can be a place for those in need of compassion, of love and of friendship

A Prayer to begin the week:

Gracious God, as we begin a new week give us the courage and the confidence to make a difference in the world around us. Help us to stand up for what is right, give us compassion to reach out to help others and the perseverance to keep going when life gets tough. In Jesus name we pray. Amen



You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me

Chorus: Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name

Chorus:

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live

Chorus: Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

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