

FAITH Friends & Chocolate

Dear Friends,

I am so glad you could join us today for FAITH friends & chocolate. Please make yourself comfortable in our WHTN studio as we open up God's Word and enjoy His presence.

After we tape the shows today we have lunch and **YES** we have chocolate too. Let's give a big thank Angel Richardson, owner of Angel Cakes & More for bringing the chocolate today !

Our next studio taping is Tuesday, April 17th and our topic for that day is Grace and GRIT.

We also wanted to invite you to our annual Keep HOPE on TV Open House. It's Tuesday March 20th from 10 AM – 1 PM. Our Open House is an opportunity for our community to stand together to keep quality Christian programming on in Nashville and Middle TN 24/7.

Blessings,

Monica Schmelter



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Faith Friends & Chocolate.....I say we start with chocolate

Let's take a look at 4 faith filled friends

Matthew 2:2-5 NLT

² Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, ³ four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. ⁴ They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof **above his head**. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. ⁵ Seeing their **faith**, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

Faith – means we start the journey. At some point these 4 friends decided we are going to do this!

Today's Challenge: Make a commitment to be like one of the 4 friends we talked about today.

Chances are we won't ever need our friends to break through somebody's roof but if we have friends that have faith, focus, and the determination to finish **nothing will be impossible**



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Because life includes **flight delays, long lines**, and slow internet connections....we all need a whole lot of FAITH, Friends & Chocolate.

Faith –

The Best Friend we'll **Ever** have is Jesus

Luke 7:34 NIV

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a **friend of tax collectors and sinners**.

Elder Brother/Advocate/Savior/Deliverer/ & He Says He's our Friend.

Delays

Woman with issue of blood

People

Drs.

Big Medical Bills

Long Lines Man Pool of Bethesda

Whenever I get a turn someone else gets ahead of me.....

Prayed/Waited/Prayed/Waited.

Disappointing answer in the natural

Supernatural – GRACE

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NLT

⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.

"Today's Challenge: Look at your calendar and make sure you have time every day to get to know your best friend Jesus. Doing that will help you through the delays.....long lines....

He Calls us Friends. There will be a day of no more delays or long lines you won't even need an internet connection...._____.



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In many ways that quote is right we don't know what we are going to get:

Surprise

Unexpected

Unwanted

Because we don't always know what we are going to get next.....faith, friends, and yes even chocolate are just really essential

Jesus talking to a woman (**Surprise**)

Luke 4:27 NLT

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

Even in the midst of "surprises He's working for our good and for the good of others.

Jews/Gentiles (**Unexpected**)

Acts 10: 34 NLT

³⁴ Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism.³⁵ In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.³⁶ This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

Even in the midst of the "unexpected" He's working on our behalf and to bring WHOSOEVER will to Christ.

Leper (**Unwanted**)

Luke 17:11-19 NLT

¹¹ As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹² As he entered a village there, ten men with **leprosy** stood at a distance, ¹³ crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

¹⁴ He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.”^[a] And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” ¹⁶ He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a **Samaritan**.

Even in midst of the unwanted He’s working out His perfect plan and restoring ALL who believe.

Life is like a box of chocolates you never know what you’re going to get....._____.