

# June Epistle

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John Lennon

What would you think if I sang out of  
tune,  
Would you stand up and walk out on me.  
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a  
song,  
And I'll try not to sing out of key.  
Oh I get by with a little help from my  
friends,  
Mmm, I get high (spiritually) with a  
little help from my friends,  
Mmm, I'm gonna try with a little help  
from my friends.  
Do you need anybody?  
I need somebody to love.  
Could it be anybody?  
I want somebody to love.

fought, my life doesn't quite seem worthy of a  
prayer. God has bigger fish to fry, more  
"important" problems that take precedent;  
thus, I simply continue to fight my battles alone.

Well that's just stupid! God is our friend,  
first and foremost, and wants to be involved in  
every aspect of our life. This past week I had a  
discussion with a worldly friend and when I  
looked to the ground and asked for help He  
stated enthusiastically, "It's about time! I've  
been hoping to get involved, but didn't want to  
force myself in." Many times our friends stand  
in anticipation on the sidelines of our battles.  
They want to help, they want to support, they  
want to love, but we push them away, and do it  
often times without even knowing it. God is  
there in the same way, a friend waiting to jump  
in and lend a hand. It is not burdensome to  
ask a friend for help, it is a compliment which  
shows admiration and confidence in them, and  
the demonstrates the value that you hold for  
their companionship. It is, as well, a great

showing of your personal humility and self-  
realization (Two essential qualities).

Sometimes we do not ask for help  
because we lack faith in the outcome (this is  
often the case with God and Prayer.) Never  
be ashamed of doubt! We all doubt, we all  
question, we all fight with the laws of science  
or probability at times. Faith is not the absence  
of doubt, but instead holds an awareness that  
doubt is present but a trust that we, with God,  
can overcome it. Thus pray often. Pray about  
things that you don't think matter to God. Pray  
about things that you are embarrassed about  
or nervous over. Pray boldly and with the  
confidence that you are well armed though  
your friendships on earth and in your Creator.  
Finally, pray BIG! As Jim Rohn states, "Don't  
go to the ocean with a teaspoon." God is  
larger than any ocean, more powerful than  
any army, and more loving than any worldly  
friend. Compliment God by praying, ask God  
for help, and love yourself for doing so!

"Asking is the beginning of  
receiving. Make sure you  
don't go to the ocean with a  
teaspoon. At least take a  
bucket so the kids won't  
laugh at you"

-Jim Rohn

## Upcoming Events:

~ June 12th: Iroquios Park play & worship  
4pm-6pm Waterballoons and picnic, 6pm  
Worship

~ June 4th: Bernhiem Trail race

~ June 5th: Taylorsville lake Tri

~ Church kickball Fridays, Ongoing

~ June 30th-July 1st Big Tent in Indy!

More Info on the Website:

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## With a little help from... EVERYONE!

I won't speak for everyone, though it  
probably is applicable, but I seem to have a  
problem in asking for help. My stubbornness is  
a little bit rooted in pride, a little bit ego, and a  
lot bit absurd. Whatever the cause, there is  
simply a part of me that seems to think that I  
can do things all on my own. This passage  
from the sixth chapter of Ephesians shines light  
on my stubbornness. First off, it is evident that  
my ego has me to believe that I can "stand  
firm" on my own two feet, that I am somehow  
more capable than others and asking for help  
would mean giving up control. Secondly, I  
view asking for help as a weakness, not a  
showing of strength and, as stated in  
Ephesians, "armor." Humility is a shield of  
glory, not failure. Finally, there is a part of me  
that sees my prayer requests as... well... not  
important. With tornados touching down, wars  
being waged, disease and cancer being

**10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground after you have done everything. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ~ Ephesians 6 ~**

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