

# 56th – Bible Seeds Podcast

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## ● Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: **You’ve Got A Friend**

Over the 55 years I spent singing and playing keyboard in many clubs, restaurants and events, there are many songs that remain with me because they speak of the human emotions that evolve from times of trouble. One of these songs is from Carol King and James Taylor named ***You’ve Got A Friend***. The lyric starts:

*When you’re down and troubled / and you need some love and care / and nothin’, oh nothing is going right / Close your eyes and think of me / and soon I will be there / to brighten up even your darkest night /*

And in another part of the song it says,

*Hey ain't it good to know that you've got a friend / When people can be so cold? / They'll hurt you and desert you / Well they'll take your soul if you let them / Oh, yeah, but don't you let them /*

*You just call out my name / and you know where ever I am / I'll come runnin' / to see you again / winter, spring, summer, or fall, yeah / All you got to do is call and I'll be there, yeah, You've Got A Friend*

Whenever I performed this song, I could not help think of these lyrics as being sung to anybody but the Father, the son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit . . . my GOD.

I was the sole breadwinner for my family and playing music in clubs and restaurants was so uncertain that even banks didn't consider music and entertainment a serious business!

I didn't have an agent that promoted me and got me work. I didn't have someone to deal with the club owners whose only bottom line was the profit from dinners and drinks. And because I had a wife and four children, I didn't travel on the road and work so far away that I couldn't be home every night for my family.

I also had a mom and dad who understood the entertainment business although they were not happy that I pursued it. They enjoyed their grandchildren and my mom and my wife, Mary, had a special relationship. I thank God for their lives and their love.

Even though I belonged to the Musician's Union, Local 47, God still helped me to speak favorably to club and restaurant owners and helped me find the equipment I needed and gave me the

talent to work for the people who enjoyed and supported me in my music endeavor.

After Mary died of cancer, God helped me to raise my family and helped me to continue playing music, create a website and do a podcast every couple of weeks!

What is the point of this podcast?

Let me bring home the point by saying Abraham was considered by God to be more than a worshiper. **He was considered by God to be a friend!**

This is found in the bible at **2 Chronicles, Chapter 20: verse 7** where it says, *“Are you not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?”*

Also found in the book of **Isaiah, Chapter 41: verse 8** where it says, *“But you, Israel are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendants of Abraham My friend.”*

Also found in the book of **James 2:23**, where it says, And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, *“Abraham believed God, and it accounted to him for righteousness” And he was called the friend of God.* The bible has many more references to God as our friend and even Jesus said in **John, Chapter 15: verses 14-15**

<sup>14</sup>*“You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”*

<sup>15</sup>*“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father, I have made known to you.”*

We have someone special as our God. One who is a Father but not only a Father, **but a friend.** I am a dad but I remember when one of my children got a warning from a teacher about turning in his homework. I made sure he did his homework and he even had help from his brothers. When he went to school the next day, I made sure he had his homework but when he came home, he said he got an “F” because they could not find his homework. I went with him to the school to his classroom and the teacher confirmed that he no homework. I told the teacher that I made sure that he had it and I wanted to know where it was.

His teacher said he had other students pick up the papers from the students and give it to him. I told him that **“as a teacher, he should get the “F” and that I wanted that paper found and graded.”** The next day when my son came home he had his homework in his hand and showed me he got an “A” or 100%.

One of my other sons had his bike stolen from the school. I immediately went out with him to look for that bike and about a half hour we found the bike with a boy getting air in the tire at a gas station. We called the police and they came and questioned him. He said he just bought the bike off another kid he didn’t know. I didn’t press charges as long as the officers took him home to speak to his parents so they knew what was going on with him and we got the bike back.

My point is that God is a friend who not only knows what has been done to you by others, **but holds them accountable!**

In **Proverbs, Chapter 20: verse 22**, God says,

***Do not say, "I will repay evil"; wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.***

In the book of **Romans, Chapter 12: verse 19**, it says;

***"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'"***

In the book of **Ezekiel, Chapter 38**, God has told him of a great invasion of Israel by many nations around it. It is in the future, and the amazing thing about this war is there is not one of the nations in the whole world that will come to Israel's aid. There will be so many invaders that the bible says ***"they will cover the land like a cloud and all your troops with many peoples with you."***

But God will fight like He fights with ***"a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground."***

**Ezekiel, Chapter 38: verses 19-20**

The Lord describes how He will make every man fight against each other and rain down on the leader and the troops and many peoples with them, flooding rain, great hail stones, fire and brimstone.

Then God says, ***"Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."*** **Ezekiel, Chapter 38: verse 23**

Then God says He will give their bodies to the birds of prey and to the beast of the fields to be devoured.

*There is more if you care to read it and know this is separate from the 'wrath of God for the tribulation' which is in the book of Revelation.*

**And God ends this particular war with these words:**

***"So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel."*** Ezekiel 39:7

So, God is not just a friend but a defender of His people!

When you finally believe that God, the Father sent His Son, Jesus to take your sins, you will start to live your life in His friendship.

And when people around you ask, ***"Why you are going out of your way to help me?"*** or ***"Why did you do this good thing for me?"***

***You can tell them, "I'm only trying to do for you what God does for me!"***

**Back Ground Music Starts and .....**

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given ***His Son Jesus, the good shepherd*** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these **Bible Seeds**: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the PDFs for **Storyline Of The Bible** and **Quotes and Stories from Jesus**. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: [www.carlvasta.com](http://www.carlvasta.com) Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

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