

# ***HE'S A PAIN!***



*Why does God keep sending screwballs across my path?*

*Am I a magnet for misfits?*

*Lord, give me a break!*

If God would only give me a chance to convert a rock star, think of the multitude that would follow him into the kingdom! Or maybe a popular politician who needs a little cleaning up. If I could bring her into the light, Fox News and CNN would amplify the miracle!

What a harvest there would be!

But misfits and losers are the only ones who ever come my way. And I'm getting weary having to put up with their craziness.

***Don't begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don't try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy.***

***Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons.***

***You have been treated generously, so live generously.***

*Matthew 10 (MSG)*

Seems like Jesus is still doing it the way he always did:

**Going for the lost sheep.**

Despised tax collectors, sinners, prostitutes.

Maybe a few drunks and crazies.

**People who were avoided and despised.**



**These folks appreciated his love---and his burning truth.**

**They opened their hearts.**

**They still do.**

A church of respectable folks (with a few token tattooed “sinners”) is not a church. It’s a Christian club with a chaplain and an elaborate staff.

The Body of Christ, on the other hand, is focused where Jesus is....

**.... joyfully revealing the kingdom of God to the world’s rejects.**

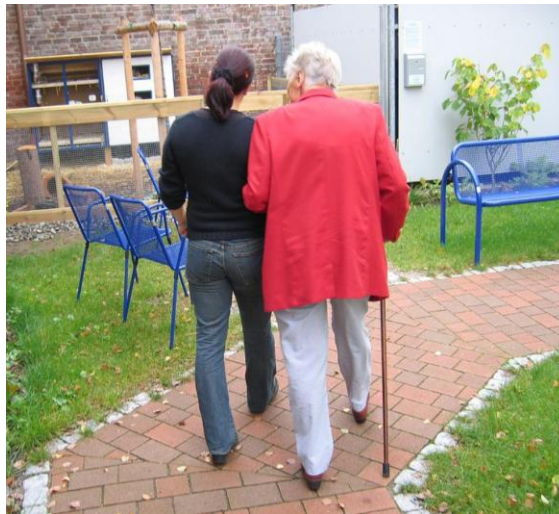
**If the Lord keeps sending misfits our way, we are blessed!**

*Lord, open our eyes!*

*Melt our hearts.*

*Keep us focused on the one thing needful....*

**....doing things your way.**



*Prayer: Yes Lord, melt our hearts, help us to embrace, welcome, and be kind to those that others despise and avoid. We need your help, so we don’t despise and avoid them as well. It’s too easy for us to be overwhelmed and disgusted by and walk away from and write off those tangled in deep sin, addiction, dysfunction, and those struggling with loneliness, despair, depression or even delusions. Give us the vision to not see them as pains we can’t cope with, but as an opportunity to be conduits of your miraculous healing. Give us patience, wisdom, insight, gentleness, and your holy-healing touch when they are difficult, annoying, unreasonable, angry, or confused. Give us the vision to see them as blessings, as beloved by you, as people who not only need but will welcome your holy healing, and as joyful partners with us in reveling in your power, mercy, love, truth, goodness and generosity. Amen.*

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