



EPISODE 12



IMAGE: FRIEND

They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.

Matthew 27:33-34 NIV

To love someone is to will their good.

We can seek others’ good through **productivity**.

“What, you wanted more hugs? Remember how, after that hurricane, yours was the only house in the neighborhood with power and heat because years earlier your . . . dad bought a backup generator and regularly checked to make sure it was properly serviced and fueled? Sounds like a hug to me.”

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- Ian Morgan Cron

We can seek others’ good through **presence**.

JESUS AS THE FRIEND

Jesus said . . . “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20 NIV

Jesus is with us always. That means he’s with us in the details of our work day. We can practice his presence, especially during boring or repetitive tasks.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Who in my workplace loves me well by being productive? By being present?

Am I willing to interrupt productivity for the sake of presence?

What kind of friend am I to my coworkers?

How can I welcome Jesus as my friend at work?