To know HIM and to make HIM known

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Service Times

Sunday: Adult Bible Study...... 9:45 am Fellowship Breakfast.... 10:00 am Worship Service 10:45 am

LifeGroups	
Hannigan	5:30 pm
Denham	5:30 pn
Reynolds	6:00 pm
Morris	5:00 pn
	Hannigan Denham Reynolds

Wednesday: Bible Study...... 7:00 pm

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Anybody who has ever played a game with me knows this - I HATE to lose! As we were growing up, my brother and I managed to turn everything into a competition. We would spend our summer breaks competing against each other in everything. Whether it was basketball in the driveway, ping-pong in the basement, or video games on the computer, we would turn it into an intense competition. We didn't just determine who won each individual game, we would keep track of our record over the course of the summer to see who was the winner of the entire summer.

As we would keep record of our wins and losses, we had rules as to what could end a game. The game could end if it was completed. If something happened, such as rain in the middle of a basketball game, the game could be postponed as long as we both agreed to it. However, if there was not a legitimate reason or agreement, we could not quit in the middle of a game. If you quit, it would count as a loss against your record. It would be considered a forfeit.

Now if there is one thing that I hate more than to lose, it is to forfeit. When you lose, you at least put up a good fight and just get beat. But, when you forfeit, you are just willingly giving up. In our eyes, it was worse to be a "forfeiter" than it was to be a loser.

Sunday morning we went to church with Erika's parents at the Dunbar Church of Christ. One of the songs that we sang that morning was, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". As we sang the words to that song, there was something in that first verse that brought back bad memories of being a "forfeiter. "This song had never hit me as deeply as it did when I noticed the word "forfeit" in the first verse.

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often **forfeit**, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.

When facing uncertain times in life, it can seem like we are at a loss for peace. And I hate that! I wish that I were always at peace, but sometimes it seems so far away. However, we CAN always have peace!

The psalmist said in (Psalm 85:8 NIV), "I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants..." As Christians, we cannot **lose** peace. God has promised us peace! If we find that peace is lacking in our lives, it is because we have chosen to **forfeit** it. We have willingly given it up, by not bringing our burdens to Jesus. "O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer."

I would encourage you to make it a point this week to rely on the wonderful Friend that we have in Jesus. He has promised, amongst other things, to give us peace! "What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!" Love you all, Stephen

