



ICE BREAKER: What has been your favorite job in your adult years?

LOVE: The Strongest Link (Week 5)

LOVE LIFTED ME! part 1

Matthew 8:23-27 Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

1. Following Jesus requires an _____ - _____ commitment

4 levels of Commitment

- M _____ Commitment
• M _____ Commitment
• P _____ Commitment
• C _____ Commitment

2. Following Jesus guarantees a _____ not a _____

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

TROUBLE CAN BE...

- D _____
• P _____
• An _____

3. WHEN NOTHING ELSE WILL HELP – Love _____

Psalms 18:16-19

He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

The ability to get into trouble and the ability to get out of trouble are seldom present in the same person. SO _____!

THE EMPTY CROSS IS A SIGN OF _____ & _____!