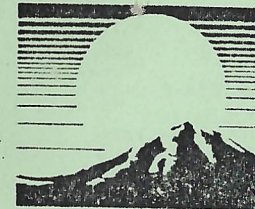


THE GREATEST FRIEND

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WILDERNESS TREK
CHRISTIAN CAMP

The Mountain Song

Oh Lord I thought the day would never come,
When I lay my burdens down and walk with You.
This morning as I greet the rising sun,
The fondest of my dreams have all come true.

(Chorus)

The greatest Friend you'll ever find is on a lonely
mountain,
The highest high you'll ever reach is when you kneel to
pray,
The brightest light you'll ever see is when you close your
eyes,
Oh Lord, You are my first love,
At last I realize.

Oh Lord I need a mountain to climb on,
Just a quiet place to go and know You're there.
And Lord I need to spend some time with You,
Like Jesus spent the night with You in prayer.



When I lay my burdens down and walk with You...

(The greatest friend develops our faith.)

Personal Quiet Time reading -

Matthew 15:21-28
Matthew 21:18-22
Luke 7:1-10
Acts 3:1-10
Hebrews 11

Heart Check-up -

1. When have I really demonstrated my faith in God ?
2. In what situation did I fail to show faith ?
3. What problem in my life can God use to help me build my faith ?
4. Do I have more faith in my ability than in God's ability ?
5. Are my friends good examples of faith-filled living ?

MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCES :



Oh Lord I need a mountain to climb on...

(The greatest friend gives us purpose for living.)

Personal Quiet Time reading -

John 14:15
John 21:5-17
Colossians 1:28
II Peter 1:3-11
Romans 12:1-2
I John 2:23

Heart Check-up -

1. What makes you the "best you can be" ?
2. What are three main purposes you see that God has for your life ?
3. How do you determine the reasons for doing what you do for God ?
4. Can others see the meaning in your life ? Would they describe your life as being Christ-like ?
5. What dreams and goals do you have for serving Jesus ?

MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCES :



The fondest of my dreams have all come true...

(The greatest friend helps us see the spiritual growth in our lives.)

Personal Quiet Time reading -

II Peter 1:5-8
 Philippians 4:8-9
 I Corinthians 13:4-8
 Galatians 5:22-23
 Titus 1:7-9
 I Timothy 3:8-13

Heart Check-up -

1. What God-like qualities have I developed in my life during the past week ?
2. Am I growing leadership qualities in my life ?
3. Circle the positive character traits you have in your life :

perseverance patience courage
 friendliness forgiveness honesty
 dependability gratitude self-control
 humility responsibility contentment
 gentleness generosity purity
 confidence encouragement availability
 attentiveness peace wisdom
 compassion fairness enthusiasm
 initiative diligence thoughtfulness
 efficiency discretion joy optimism
 obedience reverence faith
 servant-spirit brotherly love
 respectful kindness

MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCES :



Lord, You are my first love...

(The greatest friend who helps us keep our priorities straight.)

Personal Quiet Time reading -

Matthew 6:33-34
 Colossians 3:1-17
 Galatians 2:20
 John 13:1-20
 Proverbs 3:5-6
 Matthew 16:24
 I John 3:18
 Philippians 4:6

Heart Check-up -

1. What daily events or obstacles keep you from putting first things first ?
2. Put in order five priorities of your life:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

3. How are you developing your relationship with God ? Is this the # 1 priority in your life ?

MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCES :



The greatest friend -- Jesus !

(The greatest friend helps us develop our friendships.)

Personal Quiet Time reading -

John 13:33-35
Romans 13:8-10
I Peter 3:8-9
John 15:13
Matthew 5:23-25
Ecclesiastes 4:9-11
Luke 10:25-37
Proverbs 18:24
Romans 12:10
Philippians 2:3

Heart Check-up -

1. Who is easy for me to love ?
2. Who is difficult for me to love ?
3. What barriers keep me from loving others ?
4. Do I feel a special bond with Christians ?
5. What have I done this week that would show love in a way that others can know that I'm a Christian ?

MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCES :

Equipment

Item	Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3	Crew 4	Crew 5
<u>Tents</u>	Jeff Ed Keith	David Jeff Dewey	Bart Benny Jamey	Jeff Rex Ray	Mickey Barney J.J.
<u>Stoves</u>	Clay Jack	Ryan Kenton	Scott Richie	Lynn Scott	James Rodney
<u>D.Fly</u>	Debbie	Angie	David	Katie	Debbie
<u>Fuel</u>	Tony	Bryan	Dean	Lynn	Chris
<u>Pots</u>	Elio	Barbara	Shay	Eddie	Debbie
<u>Cond/Cut</u>	Todd	April	Scott	Brandy	Jason
<u>AP Paper</u>	Tony	Matt	Benny	Belinda	Wendy
<u>Water Bags</u>	Pete	Patrick	David	Scott	Diadra
<u>Trash</u>	Pete	Patrick	Charles	Wesley	Gibby

SOME SPIRITUAL GOALS FOR TREKS

1. To enjoy study and worship in majestic surroundings.
2. To emphasize the beauty and harmony of God's handiwork.
3. To give a taste of a more vigorous life. We are often unsuited for the life of Jesus and the apostles. We are spoiled by our luxuries.
4. To teach us to meet challenges and difficulties. We are prone to give up on hard projects. Treks prove to ourselves that we can do more than we think we can.
5. To show us our limitations. Some of us think we can do anything. Treks are humbling and teach self-reliance plus God-reliance.
6. To help us realize that we have been blessed with many luxuries.
7. To introduce the beauties of a more simple life. Emphasize the dangers of affluence.
8. To teach us to work together in fellowship. The intimate relationships of a trek parallel those in the church. Group welfare often depends on me.
9. To promote development of close friendships with other Christians.
10. To teach us to bear our own load in life and be prepared to share other's burdens when necessary.
11. To de-emphasize competition and emphasize setting personal goals rather than competitive ones.
12. To taste the unique flavor of the wilderness. God has often used the wilderness to train His people.