



## FRIEND OF SINNERS

Part 1

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### Isaiah 40:1-2, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid;  
say to the towns of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.  
See, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense accompanies him.

<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;  
he gently leads those that have young.

## We Must Overcome COMFORTABLE!

### John 4:34

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him  
who sent me and to finish his work."

## We Must Overcome SHAME!

### Romans 1:16a

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power  
of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

## Jesus was Radically NORMAL

### Luke 9:26

Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man  
will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and  
in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

## We Must Overcome APATHY

### Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."



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