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**“Invite Jesus into Your Every Crunch Time”**

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**How Can We Invite Jesus to Work in Our Crunch Time?**

1. Go face to face with him, and be honest about what you're thinking and feeling.
2. Meditate on the happy endings God seems to love writing.
3. Lean towards agrarian time, versus internet time, as you wait for results.
4. Make markers everywhere that remind you of God showing up.

**John 15: 15 (NIV)**

15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

**Ruth 1:19-22 (NLT)**

<sup>19</sup> So the two of them continued on their journey. When they came to Bethlehem, the entire town was excited by their arrival. “Is it really Naomi?” the women asked.

<sup>20</sup> “Don’t call me Naomi,” she responded. “Instead, call me Mara, for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me. <sup>21</sup> I went away full, but the LORD has brought me home empty. Why call me Naomi when the LORD has caused me to suffer and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?”

<sup>22</sup> So Naomi returned from Moab, accompanied by her daughter-in-law Ruth, the young Moabite woman. They arrived in Bethlehem in late spring, at the beginning of the barley harvest.

**Leviticus 19: 23 -25**

<sup>23</sup> “When you enter the land and plant fruit trees, leave the fruit unharvested for the first three years and consider it forbidden. Do not eat it. <sup>24</sup> In the

fourth year the entire crop must be consecrated to the LORD as a celebration of praise. <sup>25</sup> Finally, in the fifth year you may eat the fruit. If you follow this pattern, your harvest will increase. I am the LORD your God.

**Luke 11:24 - 28**

[Jesus said,]<sup>24</sup> "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, searching for rest. But when it finds none, it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' <sup>25</sup> So it returns and finds that its former home is all swept and in order. <sup>26</sup> Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before."

<sup>27</sup> As he was speaking, a woman in the crowd called out, "God bless your mother - the womb from which you came, and the breasts that nursed you!" <sup>28</sup> Jesus replied, "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice."