

WELCOME PLACE A, B, C'S

ACCEPT

VIDEO... "NO SPOTTERS..."

We like to think that we don't need help, but the truth is that we all need help. I like in the VIDEO, when the man said, "330 lbs.; no spotters, who needs them."

His false confidence reminds me of the Proverb that states, "**Pride goes before destruction...**" (Proverbs 16:18)

We can relate to the man's want to be self-reliant... In fact most men have personally completed the same FAILED bench press maneuver.

Have you ever FAILED because you would NOT ask for HELP?

We must ACCEPT the FACT that we NEED HELP...

1. In educational endeavors, WE NEED HELP.
2. In our careers, WE NEED HELP.
3. In our HOMES, WE NEED HELP.
4. TO BE SAVED, WE NEED HELP.

Ming Chen was making a delivery to a high-rise apartment when the elevator he was riding malfunctioned and dropped almost thirty floors, stranding Chen between the third and fourth floors. Chen screamed, pressed the alarm button, and banged on the elevator door – but it took three days, before anyone heard his cries for help AND CAME TO HIS RESCUE... BEING LOST STINKS!

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It isn't FUN to be LOST. It's not A GOOD TIME to be,

- LOST IN CLASS, not understanding the studied subject,
- LOST WHILE TRAVELING... LOST SPIRITUALLY.

In order to be FOUND SPIRITUALLY, we must ACCEPT we are LOST & NEED HELP. In Luke chapter 19 we meet a LOST man named Zacchaeus... Zacchaeus knew he was LOST, when JESUS found him.

Let's look at this story, read Luke 19:1-10.

Jesus said, **"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."** (Luke 19:9, 10)

JESUS IS STILL SEEKING THE LOST. HIS CHURCH is FINDING THE LOST & LEADING THEM TO HIM. At Smithville Christian Church, we are passionate about finding the LOST because we can relate... WE HAVE ALL BEEN LOST. **"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God freely and graciously declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when HE freed us from the penalty for our sins."** (Romans 3:23, 24)

Jesus FREED us by DYING for us on the CROSS... **"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."** (Romans 6:23)

The Bible teaches us that, **"God saved you by HIS GRACE when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."** (Ephesians 2:8)

No one can take credit for BEING SAVED, because BEING SAVED is not something we DO or DID... BEING SAVED IS because of what JESUS DID.

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED THAT YOU NEED JESUS? THAT YOU NEED SAVED?

PRAY TO GOD, ASK HIM TO HELP YOU EVERYDAY.