

I will never forget the day when Tyler first visited our Sunday school class two years ago, fidgeting with his Bible at the doorway. From the beginning, my classmates and I saw that Tyler was different. He held his hands in a fetal position in front of him; and by his slurred speech, I perceived that he wrestled with articulate pronunciation. If there was one person in the world I could help, it would be Tyler because he is a Christian brother who struggles socially. He needs a friend, so I would help him by befriending him.

To tell you a bit more about Tyler, he is a Christian brother coming from a Christian family and attending a Bible believing church pursuing the faith. Because Tyler was born with autism, he is inhibited socially. He hesitates to play with other boys at church and engages in fewer conversations. He also tends to be shy when around others, and he stutters when he speaks. When he does converse with others, he does so with gentleness and politeness.

Therefore, I would like to help Tyler because he is a brother in Christ. I learned this once when he wrote a letter to me saying that he was a child of God and hoped that I was one too. God instructs us in Galatians 6:10, of the Holy Bible, to "...do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." My intent would be to obey this directive from my Father in heaven by doing good to Tyler, my Christian brother.

Finally, I would help Tyler by befriending him. I would intentionally spend more time with him and do the things he likes best. Another way I would befriend Tyler would be by encouraging him to become stronger in the faith. I would challenge him to pray and meditate on what he reads in the Bible. Also, I would encourage him to be kind to others even when they mistreat him.

In conclusion, of all the people in the world that I could help, my choice would be Tyler because he is a child of God, and he lacks the blessing of many friends. Since Tyler needs someone, I feel it my duty to make friends with him, to love him and to honor God in doing so. It would bring me great joy to watch Tyler in his happiness surrounded by true friends who stuck close to him and would stay by his side. I want to be such a friend. I would remind Tyler that God made him exactly the way He wanted him to be for His own glory; and it is okay to be different from the rest.