

Evening Lesson

HELP FROM ABOVE

James 1:17,18

INTRO:

1. Back in 2010, 33 miners were trapped 2,300 feet underground in Chile. There was no contact for 17 days. When a drill finally reached them, all 33 were alive and okay.
2. The plight – and hope – of the 33 Chilean miners pictured another great rescue effort.

I. DUE TO WRONG CHOICES, WE ARE TRAPPED IN SIN.

- A. We are doomed for destruction with no hope to rescue ourselves. **Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Eph. 2:12**
- B. The miners can only be saved with help from above, and the same is true for us.

II. GOD SENT JESUS TO OUR RESCUE.

- A. He did this because he loves us. **John 3:16; Eph. 2:4**
- B. Jesus gave his life to save us from sin. **Eph. 1:7**
- C. Through him we can be saved. **Rom. 5:6-9**
 1. F-R-C-B. **Acts 16:30, 31; Acts 17:30, 31; Rom.10:10; Acts 2:38**
 2. Then we faithfully follow his word. **1 John 1:7**

CONC:

1. “Knowing that someone is coming for you makes it easier,” said John Urosek, head of emergency operations for the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration. He was referencing the hope of the Chilean miners.
2. The good news, or gospel, is that Jesus has already come to the rescue of those trapped in sin.
3. He is ready to save those who will trust and obey him.