



## Week 22 - February 10th Companionship – Freak The Mighty

In the first two sentences of Freak the Mighty Max, one of the main characters says: “I never had a brain until Freak came along and let me borrow his for a while, and that’s the truth, the whole truth. The Unvanquished Truth.”

Freak the Mighty is about two different boys who come together in the summer before eighth grade. Max is big for his age and Kevin is very small due to an illness that doesn’t let him grow. His body is actually too small for his growing organs so he is weak and often sick. Apart, each boy is picked on by the class bullies, but when they join together – Max carrying Kevin on his shoulders – they become “Freak the Mighty” who rescues fair maidens and slays dragons. Their friendship opens up a whole new world for them.

Max’s dad is in prison for killing his mom. When his dad is released from prison, he kidnaps Max and it is Kevin – Freak, who hunts them down and gets Max free.

Later, Kevin becomes very ill and is taken to the hospital. He gives Max a blank book asking him to fill it up with their adventures. The next day Max finds out that Kevin has died. At first he hides in his basement room mourning Kevin. But, eventually he begins to write the story of “Freak the Mighty” in the book Kevin has given him. So their story is told.

Source: Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Separate from one another, Kevin and Max suffered at the hands of those around them. But when they joined forces, they both grew and were able to do things together that they could not do apart. Like the first verses say, Kevin - Freak, was able to help Max find his true gift by sharing his world with Max.

### Scripture

Read Galatians 6:1-5

### Discovery Questions

1. Verse 1 tells us to “gently restore” someone who has strayed. Has there been a time when a friend needed your love and support while they were struggling? Has there been a time when you needed that same support?

2. “Carry each others burdens” (verse 2). Describe what this means to you.
3. There is a saying: “A friend is someone who sees through you and still enjoys the view.” Reflect on the friendships that are important to you.

### Journaling

Which verse spoke most powerfully to me? Why?

**Prayer:** Spend some time in prayer conversing with your God. Use the following ideas as a potential guide to your prayer time.

- Dear God, I thank you for Your Love and how it makes me complete.
- Father, I thank you for the special friends that you have put in my life. I pray that our friendship will continue to grow in You. And that we may continue to lift each other up daily.
- Jesus, You have set the example of a friend, show me how I can grow to be like You.