



Jesus, You & Me; Better Together
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1 Peter 1:3 NIV
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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into A LIVING HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
-1 Peter 1:3 NIV

THE BIG IDEA:
Jesus' resurrection renews life and gives our community a living hope.

THREE COMMON EXCUSES JESUS SPEAKS TO :

1. I'M TOO BUSY

On a 1-10 scale, how often do you say, "I'm too busy"?

Busyness squeezes out the time it takes to truly love.

The Lesson:

If you don't make room for the most important things first, there won't be room for them at all.

LOVE God, LOVE People

*"Experience dictates that it is very hard to love the unlovely neighbor until the disciple's heart is FILLED WITH THE LOVE OF GOD, which provides the energy and motivation necessary for the arduous task of loving the neighbor."
- Kenneth Bailly*

- When he saw the man's condition, his HEART went out to him... - Luke 10:33 NIV
- Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I HAVE COMPASSION for these people."
- Matthew 15:32a NIV

We have more to contribute than we realize.

2. I DON'T WANT TO POLLUTE MYSELF

Real Talk: Has COVID turned you into a germaphobe?

Suffering is all around us. We have a choice in how we will respond .

Who can I be a neighbor to?

- He went to him and... took CARE of him. - Luke 10:34 NIV
- "GO to the lost, confused people RIGHT HERE in the neighborhood. TELL them that the kingdom is HERE. Bring health...touch the untouchables...live generously." - Matthew 10:6-8 MSG

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3. I DON'T WANT TO TAKE A RISK.

YES or NO: Are you a risk taker?

***IF you won't jump out of an airplane with me,
will you at least risk helping people find and follow Jesus with me?***

- "The excuse of 'tomorrow' expired yesterday."
- Hal Donaldson, Convoy of Hope Founder

- WHAT DO YOU THINK? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" "The one who treated him KINDLY," the religious scholar responded. Jesus said, "GO AND DO THE SAME." - Luke 10:36-37

Make unusual kindness your usual.

Jesus is supremely the Good Samaritan.

- "Our father is kind; YOU BE KIND." - Luke 6:36b MSG