



FOR: How You Can Get in the Corner of Those in Your Life // Jeff Brodie // Sept 6, 2020

As we experience the emotions of uncertainty, frustration, or discouragement that can swirl around us in today's world, it can tempt us to turn inward instead of outward toward the ones who need the hope of Jesus most. During challenging times, what would it mean for you to turn outward and choose to be FOR the people around you? Imagine the story God could write if you decided to be in the corner of the people in your life who need Jesus most? It isn't always convenient, but the good news is that dark and unknown times are often when God shows up most clearly in people's lives.

Scripture: [Matthew 5:13-16 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: Choose to shine your light in this time when people need it most.

Getting Started:

1. What stuck out to you from the message on Sunday?
2. Have you ever had someone who invested in your life when things were tough for you? Have you ever had someone invest in your life when they were going through a tough time themselves? How did that feel?
3. When things are challenging in our lives, it can often be more difficult to think of others. Why do you think that is?

Jumping In:

4. Jeff shared that Connexus isn't about buildings, it's about who we are as we gather and how we live as we go. How has the pandemic changed the way you think about connecting with people who need someone in their corner?
5. When it comes to reaching out to others who need someone in their corner, what intimidates you or causes reservations to rise up in you?

Discuss:

6. Read [Matthew 5:13-16](#). Jesus uses the images of salt and light to describe our role in the lives of those around us. What speaks to you in this passage?
7. Jesus could have left the two cautions about losing saltiness and hiding light out of his message, but he chose to get specific and mention them. Why do you think Jesus included these two cautions?

8. While we don't want to turn people into projects, we genuinely want to care for them. It's the posture of your heart that recognizes people won't know that Jesus is FOR them until they know that you are. What intimidates you about this idea? What excites you about it?
9. What are some simple ways that you could get in the corner of someone in your community during this next season?

Pray:

Pray that God would help you continue to look outward and be salt and light in the lives of those who need Him. Then ask that the Holy Spirit would give you eyes to see the people around you who don't know Jesus and need someone in their corner.

Moving Forward:

As you head into the fall, have a discussion with your family about who you can be FOR. Remember, people won't know that Jesus is FOR them until they know that you are FOR them.