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Five challenges from this passage that if applied would change how you live this week and could change how you live the rest of your days on planet earth...

1. Be aware of those around you.

Matthew 9:36 (Msg) “When He looked out over the crowds His heart broke so confused and aimless they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." '

2. Take a relational risk.

Matthew 5:46 (NCV)“If you love only the people who love you, you’ll get no reward. Even tax collectors do that. And if you’re nice only to your friends you’re no better than other people. Even those who don’t know God are nice to their friends.”

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV) “For Christ’s love compels us. Because we’re convinced that one died for all and that therefore all died.”

3. Reach out.

Eph.4:32 (NIV) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Proverbs 18:21 (NIV) 21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

4. Expect opposition

Luke 13:14-16(NIV) 14Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." 15The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?16Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen years be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

Luke 7:34(NIV) The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners." '

5. Look for open doors

1 John 3:18 (NIV) Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

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