

"BEING THERE"

On Location, Part 2

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God often added or changed people's names to give them a different direction for their life

In Scripture God gives us how He views the world; what He thinks is important

Matthew 5:13 (NIV) "You are the salt of the earth."

By making this statement, Jesus labels them and in effect says to them, this is your destiny as a group of people who have chosen to follow Me

By living out God's values in the world, you are a preserving factor in culture

You are a reminder to the world that there is a God, there is right & wrong, & there are consequences for how we live our lives on earth

Many of our values which we think are intuitive are not, they were taught to us

These values which are found in our society have their foundation in God

All human life has value

Genesis 1:27 (NIV) "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them."

Exodus 20:13 (NIV) "You shall not murder."

Psalms 139:13 (NLT) "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb."

Masters must treat slaves like brothers because they are accountable to the same master - God

Ephesians 6:9 (NIV) "And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him."

Forgiveness, not Revenge, is to govern relationships

Romans 12:19&21 (NIV) "Do not take revenge, my friends,... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Colossians 3:13 (NIV) "Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Imagine a world where if these things didn't happen, it wouldn't bother anybody's conscience because nobody sees it as wrong

As a Christian you are the salt, the conscience, the reminder, the moral barometer for the whole world

Matthew 5:13 (NIV) "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."

If God's world view disappears, there's no hope because there will be no salt

You, as Christians, are the carriers of a view of God, a view of righteousness, and a view of relationships that doesn't exist anywhere else on the planet

If you are not salt, there is really no use for you being on earth

Most Christians today are believers because they came upon a salty follower of Christ

You may not see the difference you are making, but if you are living out your faith, you are making a difference because salt always makes a difference

Key question: "How do I be salt on my location?"

If as Christians we are not the salt of this world, the world will spoil a lot faster

My Next Step Today Is:

- God, help me be salt in my location.
- I want to be in a small group but need help finding the right one for me.
- I will attend the seminar on Sat, Jan 30th on "Leading My Child to Christ"
- I will memorize Matthew 5:13