



Joy in Loving the Neighbor

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Life Change: We live the great commission and commandments

Matt 22; Luke 10

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***The Art of Neighboring***

**The Great Commandments:**  
Make all the difference

**Matt. 22:35-40**

Isolation impedes fulfillment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> great command



Fear also keeps us from living out the 2<sup>nd</sup> command

**Solutions that change us (and others):**  
Focus on the first commandment

Matt 22

Choose inconvenience

Luke 10

**Boundaries are important**

Remember: ultimate, not ulterior

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Ultimate means the farthest point of a journey. An ultimate goal is an eventual point or a longed-for destination; for example, when a person begins college hoping to become a physician.”

- Eric Swanson & Sam Williams, *To Transform a City*

Remember: to, not for

Remember: community, not charity

Remember: many won't respond positively

Commit to these steps:

- Receive the love of God
- Focus on the first command
- Choose inconveniences

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# FINDING JOY IN LOVING PEOPLE

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE

JAY PATHAK & DAVE RUNYON

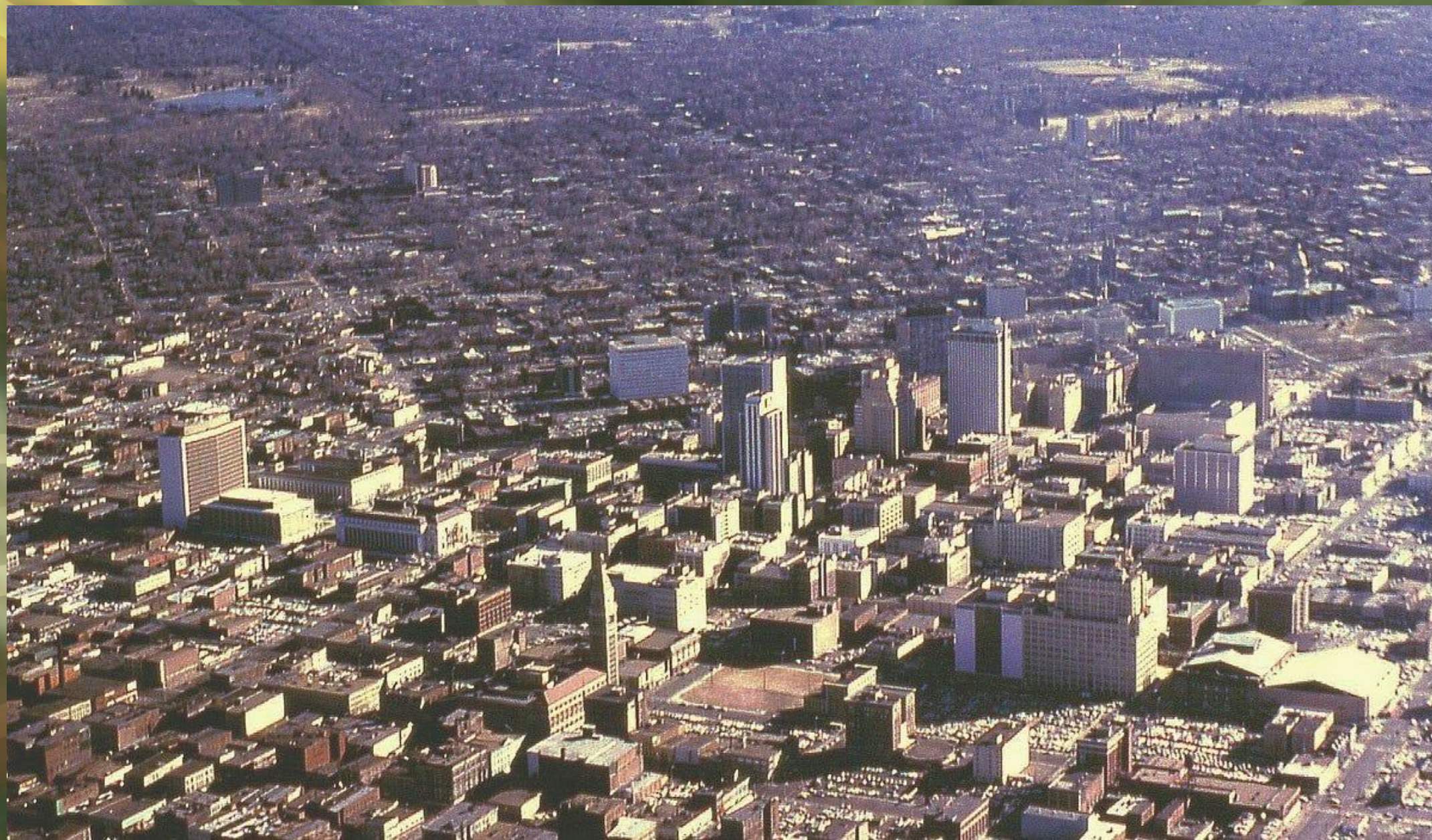
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**The Art of  
Neighboring**

BUILDING GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS  
RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR

courtesy Baker



courtesy medium



**Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon, *The Art of Neighboring***

**Then the mayor said something that inspired our joint-church movement: “The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced if *we could just figure out a way to become a community of great neighbors.*”**

**Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon, *The Art of Neighboring***

**Later he explained that often when people identify a problem, they come to civic officials and say something like, “This is becoming a serious issue, and you should start a program to address it.” Frie shared candidly with us that, in his opinion, government programs aren’t always the most effective way to address social issues. He went on to say that relationships are more effective than programs.**

**Arvada, Colorado  
mayor Bob Frie**



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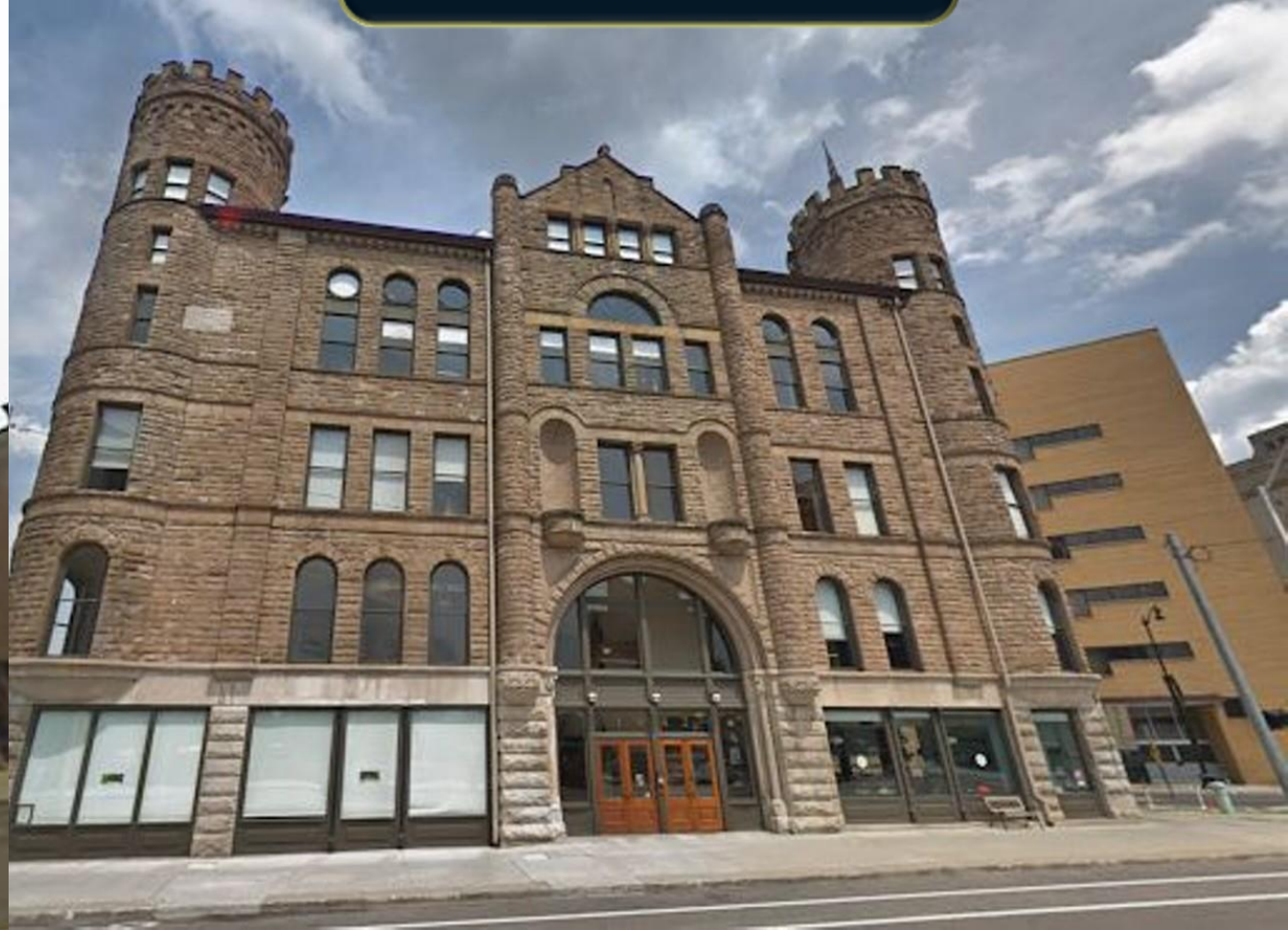
Dave



**2009: We love people too much  
to ignore their poverty or to  
help them stay dependent.**



**Guard building,  
Detroit 2024**





courtesy City of Frisco

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**Matthew 22 CSB**

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**Galatians 5 CSB**

*Theme of the study:* Engaging with people can be joyful! Despite the wretchedness of fallen humanity and the pains of conflict, God enables His people to imitate Him in joyful love.

## FINDING JOY IN LOVING PEOPLE

God loves the world so deeply that even the most wretched evils cannot halt His commitment to self-sacrificial, other-centered, expressions of genuine care. Through scripture, Spirit, and discipline, we can follow that lead.

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**36% of all Americans—including 61% of young adults and 51% of mothers with young children—feel “serious loneliness.” – Richard Weissbourd, Milena Batanova, Virginia Lovison, and Eric Torres, *“An Epidemic of Loneliness in America”***





***My expectation in life is to be invisible and I'm good at it.***



courtesy Disney



**Jim & Rebekah**



**Mrs. Huddleston**



**Vashi & ??**

**Copper (dog) & ??**

**Names of nearest neighbors**



**Jim & Rebekah  
Play golf**



**Mrs. Huddleston  
From Wales**



**Vashi & ??  
Recently lost grandma**



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Lived in Chicago**

**Add level 2 info from chats**

**Jim & Rebekah  
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??**



**Mrs. Huddleston  
From Wales  
Christian**



**Vashi & ??  
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**Add level 3 – soul info**



courtesy istock



courtesy Wall Street Journal

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courtesy DNA films



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**Matthew 22 CSB**

I do!!!



Who loves his trainer?



courtesy Baylor University



courtesy Wayne Braudrick

**Rrrararra!  
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courtesy Baylor; Bear Country USA

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**Wayne, I determined I wanted to be the bear trainer when I walked by the bears spring of my freshman year. You were in Doc's area boxing with him.**







courtesy David Kipp

**If he didn't get to  
blow off steam with  
me, he would have  
attacked the next  
person.**



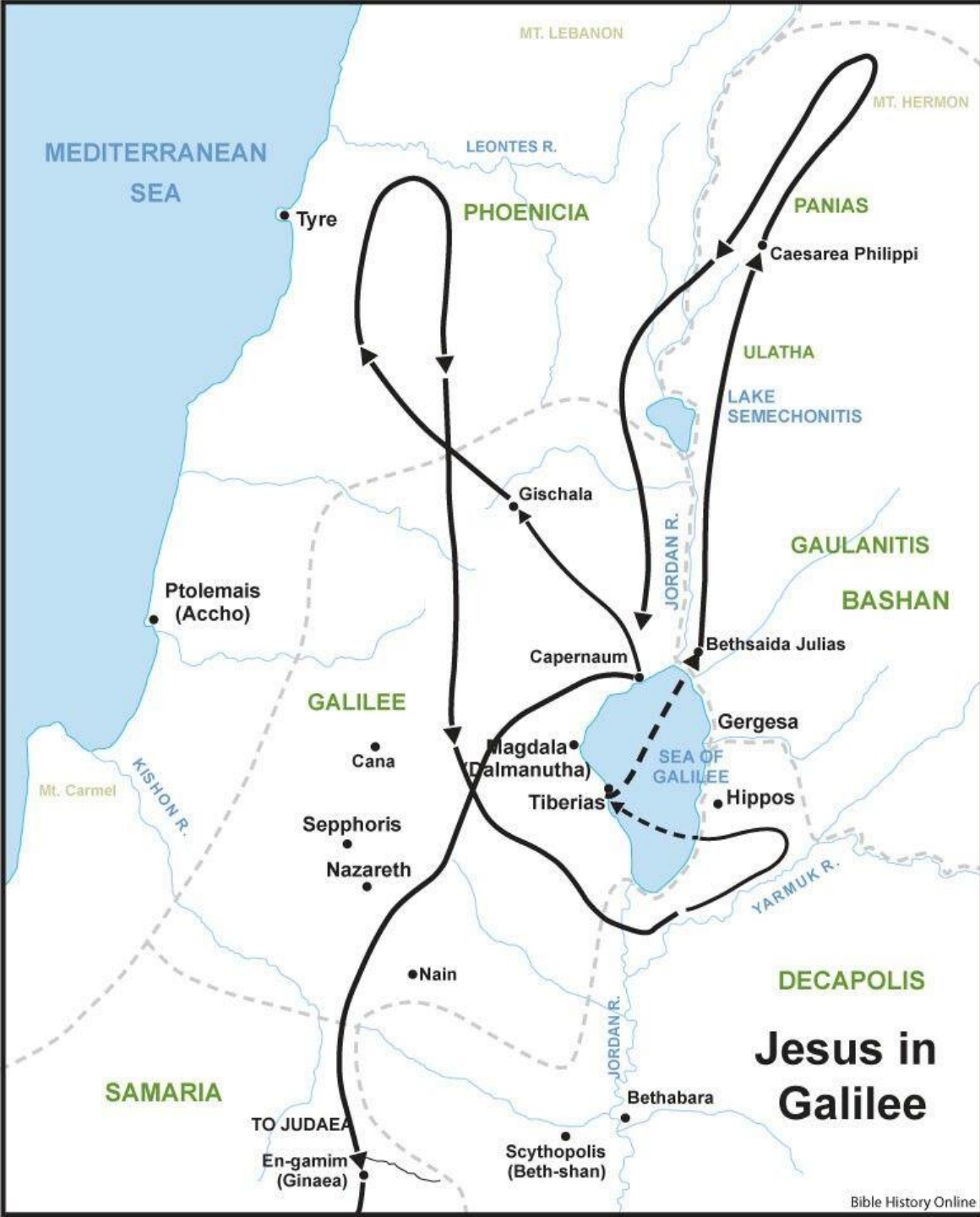
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**<sup>1</sup> After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and he sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Now go; I’m sending you out like lambs among wolves.”**

**Luke 10 CSB**

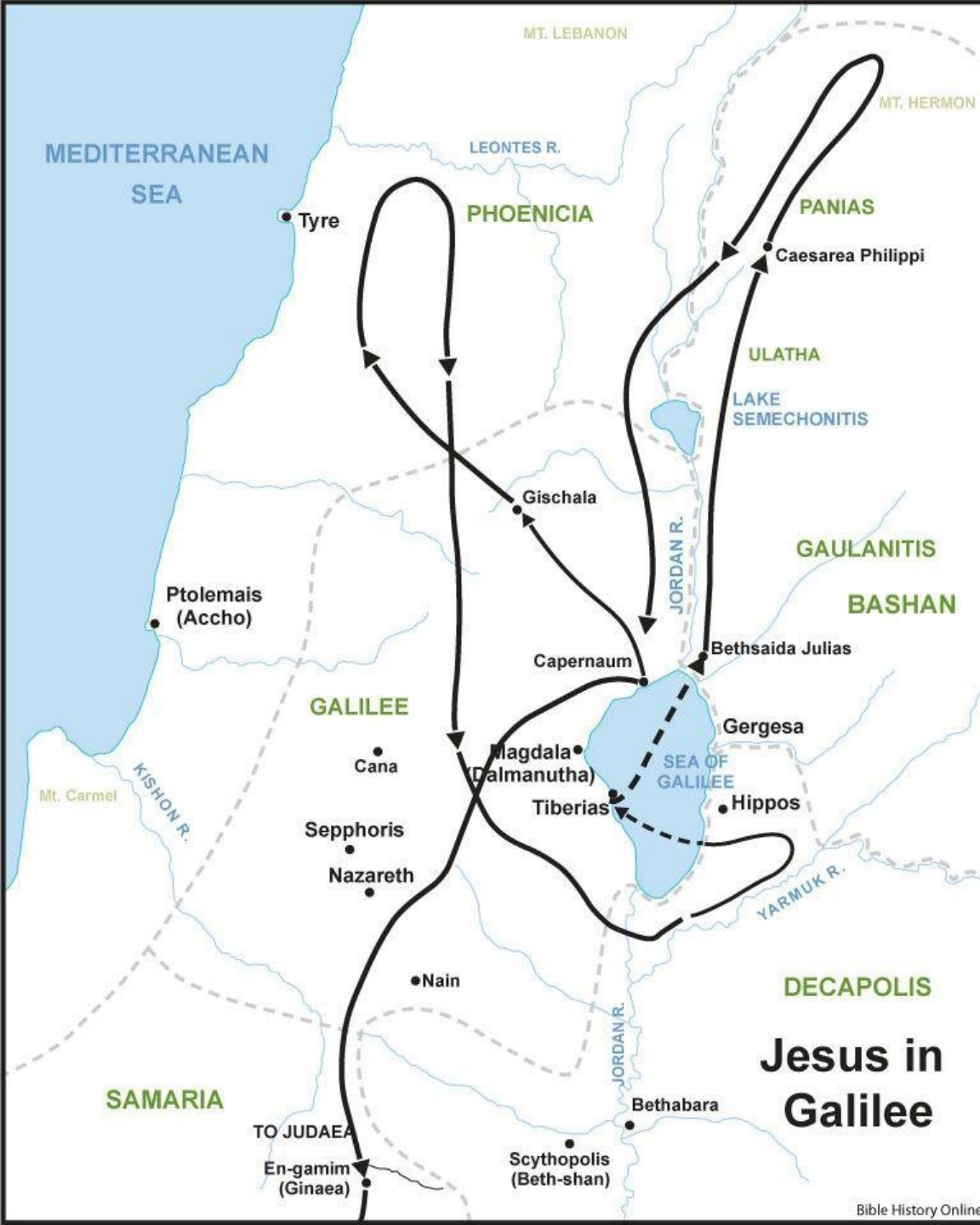


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### Jesus in Galilee





courtesy plinthos

*The Good Samaritan*  
Vincent Van Gogh  
1890



courtesy Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo, Netherlands



**Loneliness is a bellwether not only of our country's emotional and physical but moral health. In this age of hyper-individualism, the degree to which Americans have prioritized self-concerns and self-advancement and demoted concern for others in many communities has left many Americans stranded and disconnected. We need to return to an idea that was central to our founding and is at the heart of many great religious traditions: We have commitments to ourselves, but we also have vital commitments to each other. – Richard Weissbourd, Milena Batanova, Virginia Lovison, and Eric Torres, *“An Epidemic of Loneliness in America”***

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**Late last fall I was reading through the book of Luke. In Luke 10 I came to the parable of the Good Samaritan. I was very familiar with this story having read and heard it numerous times over the years. However, on that day God revealed to me that I quite often act like the Priest and the Levite as I have literally walked across the street to avoid getting involved with someone. That revelation hit me right between the eyes!**

**In answer to my prayers, God has guided me to directly engage and show His love to others. [Such] is *way* out of my comfort zone. But I am so excited by what I am learning as I willingly go out of my way to love people. – Ben Quezada**



courtesy Shane Quezada [Note: Ben is the ugly one.]



**What are some specific inconvenient choices that can help me love?**

**Bake for neighbors**

**Host parties**

**Sit in the front yard**

**Make a block map for prayer**

**Organize a block party**

**Volunteer in an FBC local mission**

**Avoid gossip – delete apps if necessary**





**Boundaries aren't designed to keep others out; they define my responsibilities.**



courtesy The White Twins



**Positional boundaries aren't designed to minimize interaction with teammates; they define each player's responsibilities.**




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**Greek: ἀγάπη agape = the highest form of affection; other-centered, self-sacrificial love**

**<sup>18</sup> Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

**Matthew 28 CSB**

**Who are we?**

**We are redeemed community.**

**What do we do?**

**The great commission (which includes the commandments).**

**How is that done?**

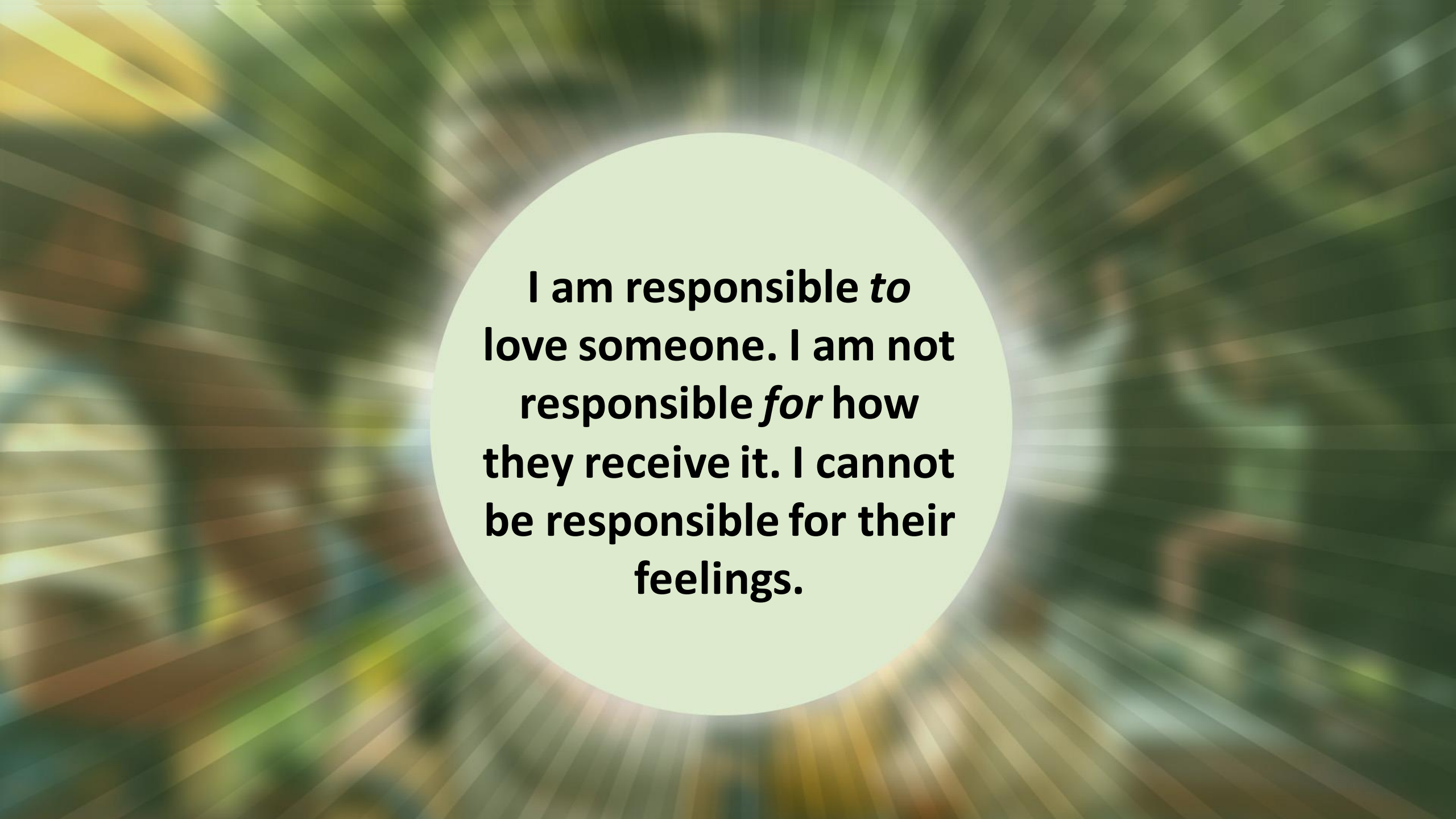
**By the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Why?**

**For the glory of God.**



**Frisco Bible Church**  
*a redeemed community*



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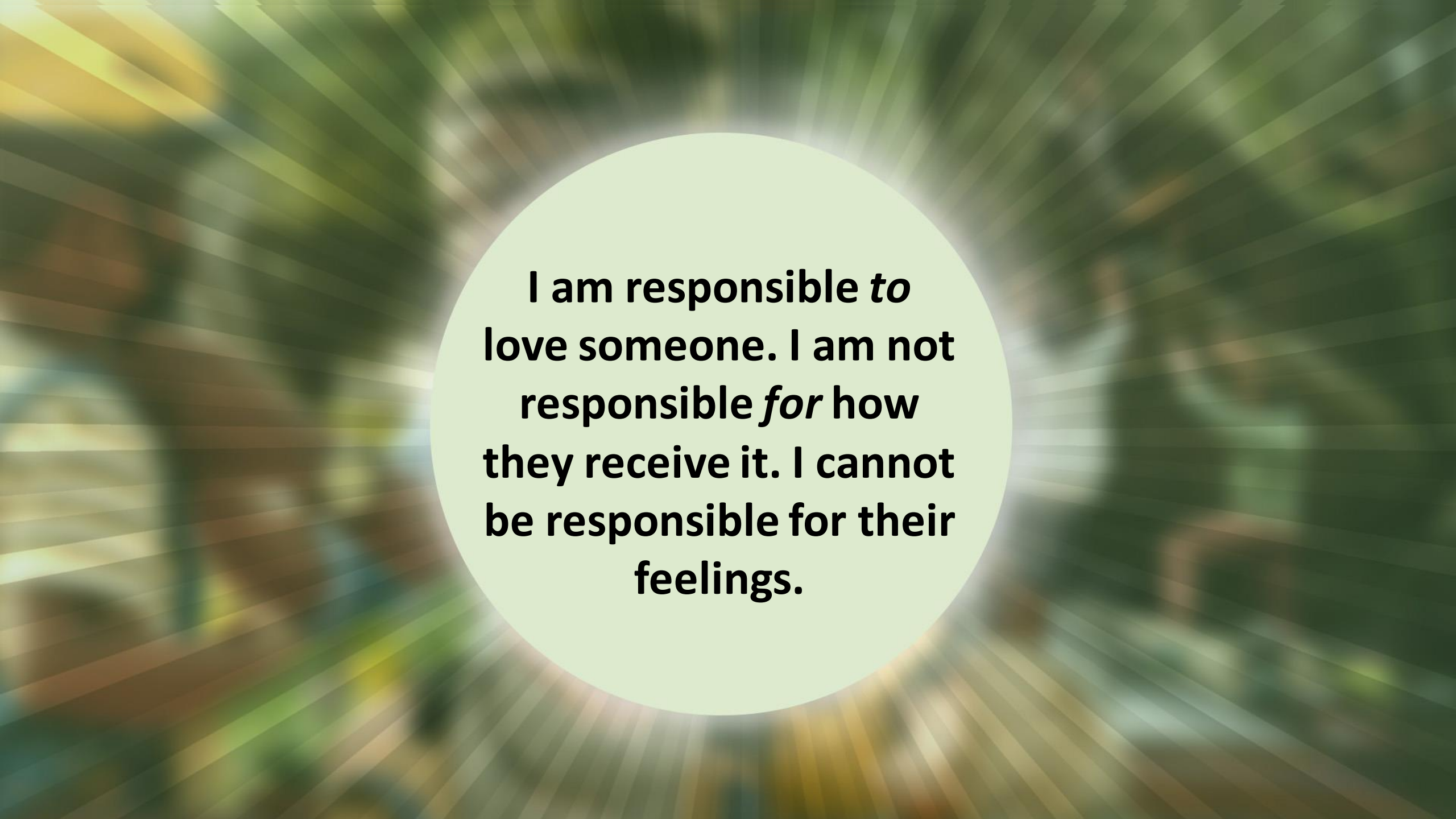
**2 Timothy 4 CSB**

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**<sup>5</sup> But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**

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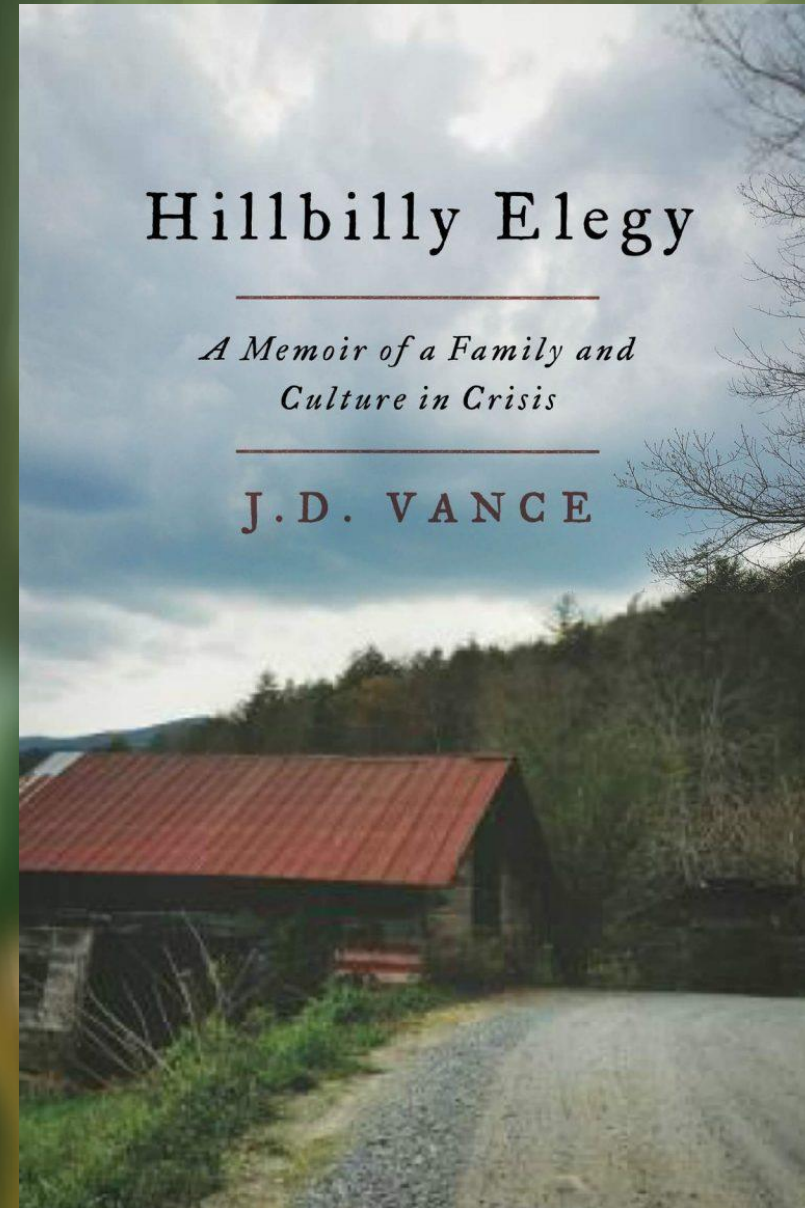
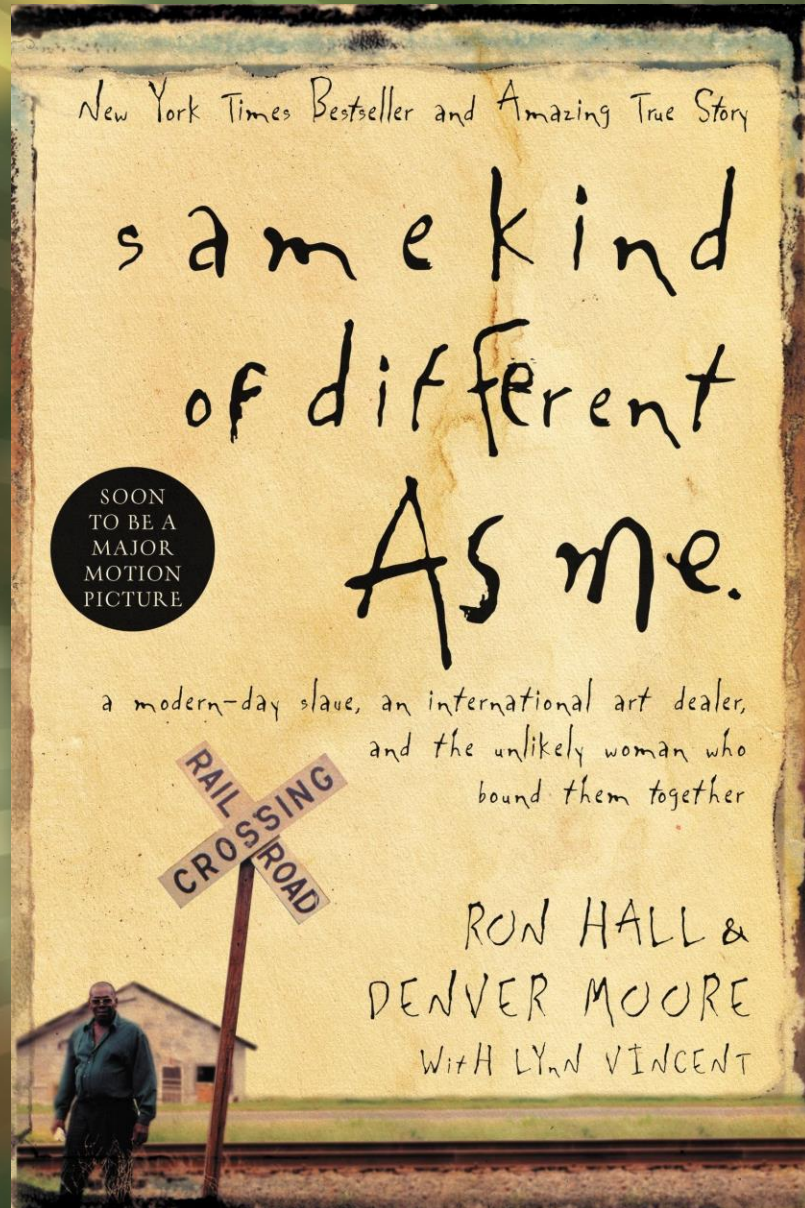




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courtesy Charlotte School Foundation



# Community, not charity



courtesy Detroit Metro Times; Michelle Gerard

# THE ART OF NEIGHBORING



courtesy Baker

**<sup>8</sup> When you enter any town, and they welcome you, eat the things set before you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near you.’ <sup>10</sup> When you enter any town, and they don’t welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘We are wiping off even the dust of your town that clings to our feet as a witness against you. Know this for certain: The kingdom of God has come near.’**

**Luke 10 CSB**

- **Jesus became our literal neighbor, taking on humanity so He could provide salvation.**
- **That salvation was purchased on the cross, where He gave His life as a ransom for many.**
- **Those who trust Him follow His resurrection and ascension, becoming an eternal part of the ultimate community – God’s family.**



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