HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND YOU

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<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:13–16 (NLT)

# HOW TO BE SALT AND LIGHT IN A WORLD OF PAIN AND PROBLEMS

1. I need to STIR LOVE into the hearts of the hurting.

HOW?

#### 1) By loving UNCONDITIONALLY.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16, NLT)

#### 2) By praying **PASSIONATELY**.

"Believe me, friends, all I want for Israel is what's best for Israel: salvation, nothing less. I want it with all my heart and pray to God for it all the time." (Romans 10:1, The Message)

#### 3) By serving HUMBLY.

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28, NLT)* 

The Good Samaritan - Lk 10:29-37

#### 2. I need to **STEER LIGHT** into the darkness of the despairing.

HOW?

1) By showing Christianity **CONSISTENTLY**.

"He replied, "I know nothing about that one way or the other. But I know one thing for sure: I was blind ... I now see."" (John 9:25, The Message)

*"For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!" (Ephesians 5:8, NLT)* 

## 2) By sharing the gospel <u>CLEARLY</u>.

"I am not ashamed of the Good News, because it is the power God uses to save everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16, NCV)

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