

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

BLESS: Week 1

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¹³ ***"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. ¹⁴ **"You are the light of the world—**like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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)

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

"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:36–39, NLT)

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

"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)

HOW TO BLESS OTHERS

*"The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and **I WILL BLESS YOU.** I will make you famous, **and YOU WILL BE A BLESSING to others.**...And all the people on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:1–3, NCV)*

*"And now that you belong to Christ, **you are the true children of Abraham.** You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you." (Galatians 3:29, NLT)*

Begin with PRAYER.

"Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:38, HCSB)

LISTEN with care.

*"Dear brothers, don't ever forget that it is best to **listen much, speak little...**" (James 1:19, The Living Bible)*

EAT together.

“As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened...” (Luke 24:30–31, NLT)

SERVE in love.

“My brothers and sisters, God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self. Serve each other with love.” (Galatians 5:13, NCV)

Share your **STORY**.

“Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story!” (Psalm 107:2a, NIV)

ACTION STEP

Turn in your BLESS series Commitment Card

*“The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”
(Proverbs 11:25, MSG)*