

Think ONE
Living Out the Goodness of Jesus
Luke 4:38-41

"Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts."

Psalms 21:13 NLT

Yes, LORD! Rise up! May we worship You today celebrating Your mighty acts!!!

→ DEFINING A WIN

In Think ONE, a win DOING YOUR PART!

Scripture tells us that some plant and others water, but God alone gives the increase!

Like Anna's friend, there are many all around us who are struggling...

In a January 13, 2022, David Brooks wrote in the New York Times an opinion article titled, "America is Falling Apart at the Seams"

In June a statistic floated across my desk that startled me. In 2020, the number of miles Americans drove fell 13 percent because of the pandemic, but the number of traffic deaths rose 7 percent.

I couldn't figure it out. Why would Americans be driving so much more recklessly during the pandemic? But then in the first half of 2021, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, motor vehicle deaths were up 18.4 percent even over 2020. Contributing factors, according to the agency, included driving under the influence, speeding and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Why are so many Americans driving irresponsibly?

All kinds of bad behavior is on the rise...

- ***Altercations on airplanes has exploded***
- ***Murder rate is surging in cities***
- ***Drug overdoses are increasing***

- ***Disruptive behavior in schools... In Dallas they report that disruptive classroom incidents have tripled this year compared to pre-pandemic levels...***

Brooks writes: "Something darker and deeper seems to be happening – a long-term loss of solidarity, a long-term rise in estrangement and hostility."

And then he wrote...

This is what it feels like to live in a society that is dissolving from the bottom up as much as from the top down.

Brooks claimed not to know what was causing the high rates of depression, suicide, and loneliness that dogged Americans even before the pandemic...

Brooks admitted that "there must be some spiritual or moral problem at the core of this."

But concluded his article...

As a columnist, I'm supposed to have some answers. But I just don't right now. I just know the situation is dire.

All around us... living among us... here with us...

Are people struggling...



ONE is an acrostic that stands for ...

Our Next Encounter...

Think ONE is about INTENTIONAL living!

Intentional living is simply coming to an awareness that we are part of God's advancing Kingdom and He INVITES us to join Him in His ADVANCEMENT

We are living in CRAZY times...

It seems difficult to know what to do...

But I want to bring us back to some BASICS...

ONE THING

Until we begin living OUT the goodness of Jesus, we are not really living IN the goodness of Jesus.

Luke 4:38–41 (ESV) — And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

1. RESPECT the POWER of the Goodness of Jesus.

To understand the primary reason Peter invited Jesus to his home we need to look at what had just happened...

Jesus had gone to the Synagogue in Capernaum and had taught from Scripture...

→ Pic - Synagogue 1



→ **Pic – Synagogue 2**



→ **Pic – Synagogue Kathy & Me**



Luke 4:31–32 (ESV) — And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

A man was there who was demonized

- **That means a demon was controlling an area or areas of his life...**

Jesus rebuked the evil spirit and commanded it to come out of the man...

It came out without harming him...

Luke 4:36 (ESV) — And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”

1. RESPECT the POWER of the Goodness of Jesus.

2. REFLECT to OTHERS the Goodness of Jesus.

Luke 4:38a (ESV) — And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house...

Mark’s Gospel tells us...

Mark 1:29 (ESV) — And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

Earlier, Jesus had told Peter that he was going to have a ministry to others...

Mark 1:17 (ESV) — And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

Peter was simply beginning the training!

He learned an important lesson...

Don’t leave Jesus at Church!

Take Him home with you!

3. CONNECT the HURTING to the Goodness of Jesus.

Luke 4:38b–39 (ESV) — ... Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

4. CORRECT the DOUBTING with the Goodness of Jesus.

Luke 4:40–41 (ESV) — Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

These were the people who hadn’t been connected to Jesus

I am SOMEONE’S next DIVINE encounter!

→ 21 Days of Fasting

- **We are in the last week of our annual 21 days of prayer and fasting**
- **Visit 21days.crossgates.org for more info**

→ Think ONE LifeGroup

- **If you are not currently part of one of our lifegroups I want to ask you to join a special lifegroup focused on Think ONE...**
- **At both 9 and 10:30 we will be having a special LifeGroup meeting in the VENUE**
- **Led by Brad Randall and Carter Collins**

Remember, you are someone’s next divine encounter!

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Think ONE is about _____ living!

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1. _____ the _____ of the Goodness of Jesus.

2. _____ to _____ the Goodness of Jesus.

3. _____ the _____ to the Goodness of Jesus.

4. _____ the _____ with the Goodness of Jesus.

I am _____ next _____ encounter!