Fluent: The Gospel in Our Actions

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Scripture:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. —1 Peter 2:9-12

Notes:

Our lives ought to so <u>lovingly</u> reflect the truth of the Gospel in our actions that people will either want it or reject it.

Living as a Gospel Display requires embracing our <u>God-given</u> identity.

- Chosen Race
- Royal Priesthood
- Holy Nation
- People for HIS OWN possession
- Mercy Recipients
- Sojourners and exiles

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. —Jeremiah 29:4-7

How we <u>live</u> flows out of who we are.

How we <u>love</u> flows out of who we are.

Living as a Gospel Display requires engaging the broken world.

- Proclaim the excellencies
- Engagement requires resistance
- Engagement requires presence
- Balanced engagement prompts response

This Week:

- What specific areas do you need God to help you resist?
- What specific actions can you take to display Christ this week?
- How are you responding to critics? As an advocate or an arguer?
- Find rest in your God-given identity.