

**Salt 5 of 5**  
**Being the Real Deal**  
**2-01-09**

**1 Peter 2:12** *Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives.*

(THE MESSAGE)

**Finding small natural ways in the context of our ordinary lives that we can use to connect with the people Jesus misses most:**

➔ **Be relational**

➔ **Be hospitable**

**1 Peter 4:9**

*Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

**1 Peter 4:10b**

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,*

➔ **Be a Servant**

**Phil 2:4-7** *Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant,*

➔ **Be Authentic**

**John 13:34-35**

*As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

**Matt 5:16**

*let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

**1 Thess 1:5-8** Paul writing & commending the Christians there say, *You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia — your faith in God has become known everywhere.*

## Words from a gal named Maggie

**Do you know?**

**Do you understand that you represent Jesus to me?**

**Do you know?**

**Do you understand that when you treat me with gentleness, it raises the questions in my mind that maybe He is gentle too.**

**Maybe He isn't someone who laughs when I get hurt.**

**Do you know?**

**Do you understand that when you listen to my questions, and you don't laugh, then I think, "Well, what if Jesus is interested in me too?"**

**Do you know?**

**Do you understand that when I hear you talk honestly about arguments and conflicts and scars from your past, then I think, "Well, maybe I am just a regular person instead of a bad, no-good little girl who deserves abuse."**

**If you care, then I think maybe He cares, and then there's a flame of hope that burns inside of me, and for a while, I'm afraid to breathe, because it might go out.**

**Do you know?**

**Do you understand that your words are His words, that your face is His face to someone like me?**

**Please. Be who you say you are. Please, God, don't let this be another trick. Please let it be real this time. Please.**

**Do you know?**

**Do you understand that you and you and you...you represent Jesus to me?**