

Be the Good

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It doesn't take long to realize we are living in a broken world. You can feel it in the heaviness of the headlines, see it in the weariness on people's faces, and maybe even sense it in your own heart some days. There's a tension in the air, a mix of beauty and brokenness. And it has been that way for a long time.

Look around and you will see glimpses of God's breathtaking handiwork. Towering trees reaching for the sky, oceans roaring with power, a baby's first laugh, or a quiet sunset that just takes your breath away. Creation still sings the song of its Maker. Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." There's beauty everywhere.

But let's be honest, there is also a lot of pain. There's injustice, violence, loneliness, and fear. This world, though still echoing God's design, has been deeply wounded by sin. Romans 8:22 puts it plainly: "For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now." It's like all of creation is longing to be healed, to be made right again.

That's why Jesus came. Not just to offer comfort, but to bring restoration. Not just to patch us up, but to give us new life. He stepped into this dark and messy world, fully God and fully man, and He brought light that the darkness couldn't overcome. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (John 1:4-5).

Jesus is our hope. Not the kind of hope that wishes for the best, but the kind that anchors us in truth. Because of Him, we aren't left to wander through the brokenness with no direction. We get to live differently. We get to shine. And that's what "being the good" really means.

It's not about being perfect or having it all together. It's about showing up with kindness when it's easier to be cold. It's about standing for truth when the crowd goes silent. It's about loving the unlovable, forgiving when it hurts, and choosing peace when anger feels justified. In other words, it's about letting the light of Christ shine through us so that others can see Him.

Jesus said it this way: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). That's the heart of it. To be the good is to bring honor and glory to Him.

Every act of love, every word of encouragement, every quiet choice to follow Christ in a noisy world, it matters. It points to the One who is redeeming all things. And even when it feels small or unseen, God sees it. Galatians 6:9 encourages us, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

So today, as you go about your life, at work, at home, with strangers or friends, choose to be the good. Not because it's easy, but because He is worthy. Because even in a world that feels dark, the light still shines. And the good we do, in His name, will never be wasted.