



RADICAL LIKE JESUS

21 Challenges to Live a Revolutionary Life

GREG STIER

Foreword by **LOUIE GIGLIO**

In *Radical like Jesus*, my friend Greg is inviting you into a way of living that will transform you into a flourishing follower of Jesus! Like an expert guide, Greg will take you by the hand and show you how to become radical like Jesus! Get this book and read it with five of your friends. Grow together!

DERWIN GRAY, cofounder and lead pastor of Transformation Church,
author of *Lit Up with Love*

Greg Stier has written a Christ-centered, biblically grounded, and from-the-heart guide to what a normal Christian life should be, but for most of us, it is a radical one. *Radical like Jesus* is a clear and engaging call to follow him and share his good news with others. I highly recommend it.

RANDY ALCORN, author of *Heaven, Happiness*, and *Giving Is the Good Life*

Courageous and compelling, personal and practical, this book by my friend Greg Stier will encourage you, inspire you, and motivate you to emulate the boldness of Jesus in your everyday life. It's all the more powerful because I've seen how Greg already models these qualities himself. Don't peruse this book—absorb it and put its thoroughly biblical principles into daily action. I'm thankful I've been able to watch as Greg has faithfully embodied the grace and truth of Jesus, and I'm thrilled to learn from his experiences how to live an ever-more radical life for the sake of the gospel.

LEE STROBEL, *New York Times* bestselling writer, author of *The Case for Christ* and *Is God Real?*

Greg's work is an inviting, challenging exploration of radical life in and with Jesus Christ, by one who practices and shares it with millions of young believers. I highly recommend this book for any young person, especially one with a heart to be intimate with Christ and serve him radically. . . . This is a book I would buy and present to any young person who desires to fully live the "radical life for Christ," following in Jesus' obedient footsteps to the cross and resurrection as Greg emulates in his calling.

TOM PHILLIPS, senior advisor for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

I've been leading in some capacity for over forty years, the last thirty at Dare 2 Share alongside Greg Stier. Greg has a way of breaking down challenging biblical truths in a way that makes them easy to understand and apply. His recent book, *Radical like Jesus*, is his best yet. After reading it, I'm challenged but not overwhelmed. Any Christ follower can be radical like Jesus!

DEBBIE BRESINA, president of Dare 2 Share

At a time when our culture has become conditioned to prioritize comfort, prosperity, and human accolades, Greg Stier reminds us that we're called to become more and more like Jesus—and that looks very different from the world's idea of success. During his earthly ministry, Jesus was a radical follower

of his Father in heaven, and we have the privilege of walking in his footsteps. In his latest book, Greg will help point you to the kind of disciplines and lifestyle that reflect a radical, world-changing submission to Christ.

JIM DALY, president of Focus on the Family

Back in 2015, Greg and I had the privilege of taking a deep dive into Jesus together, walking where Jesus walked in the land of Israel. I've known Greg for many years, and his zeal for the gospel is unquestioned and unmatched. But in Israel, I saw a different zeal, one revealed in the pages of *Radical like Jesus*. The apostle Paul's words in Philippians 3:10 reflect the passion deeply rooted in Greg's soul: "I want to know Christ!" Page after page of *Radical like Jesus* will reveal that passion and fuel that same passion deep in your soul. As I've heard my friend say many times, "Fall in love with evangelism, and you will fizzle out. But fall in love with Jesus, and you will share him forever!" *Radical like Jesus* will fan the flames of your first love for Jesus, and you won't be able to contain your desire to share him with others.

DOUG HOLLIDAY, president of Sonlife

I can't imagine a more important message for the contemporary church to hear: we are not just called to make converts to Jesus, but disciples of Jesus. In his book *Radical like Jesus*, Greg Stier reminds us that Christianity is a radical call to imitate the radical way of Jesus with everything we have. I am praying that this book gets a wide reading as we learn to become more committed followers of Jesus.

DR. JT ENGLISH, pastor, professor, and author

A lot of people talk about wanting to be "sold out," "all-in," or "radical" . . . and then there are a few that live it out in real life. My friend Greg Stier is one of those people. His radical passion for Jesus and the message of the gospel is both genuine and inspiring. His latest book gives us a powerful, practical game plan directly from the Scriptures to be radical like Jesus every day.

KRISTOPHER STOUT, executive vice president of international ministries, Word of Life Fellowship

God is calling you to be a part of something big? What is that, and how do you find it? In *Radical like Jesus*, Greg Stier walks us through the radical life Jesus is calling us to and gives us practical steps for beginning that journey. I dare you to pick up this book and start practicing it. If you do, your life will never be the same.

SEAN McDOWELL, PhD, professor of apologetics at Biola University, popular YouTuber, and author of *A Rebel's Manifesto*

This incredible project is much more than a book. Greg has drawn a map to experiencing and sharing an abundant, gospel-advancing life and knowing God as our always-by-our-side, radical guide.

KATHY BRANZELL, president of National Day of Prayer Task Force



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Foreword

WHEN I FIRST MET GREG STIER during Winter Jam, I was captured by his ability to communicate the saving power of Jesus with clarity and conviction. When you're preaching to a packed-out room of thousands of teens and young adults, this is no small feat. In just fifteen minutes, Greg managed to share how God had completely transformed his life and walked every person in that arena through the entirety of the gospel.

Greg has a passion for evangelism that is unlike many people I've met and a vision to see a generation rise up to live on mission for Jesus. The biggest hurdle to this generation coming to know Jesus is simply whether or not people who know the truth are willing to step out and share it. Greg has blazed a trail around the world to equip and implore teens and young adults to make much of Jesus and his Kingdom.

The more you get to know Greg, the more you see how he lives every day radically on mission like Jesus modeled for us in his time on planet Earth. Greg desires to serve the Lord by being intellectually, physically, relationally, and spiritually strong in order to share the Good News of Jesus—wherever, however, and whenever. Through the pages of *Radical like Jesus*, Greg invites us to

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walk in these rhythms and take action toward twenty-one specific challenges so that Jesus will live through us and that we might do the things he did.

Greg is a testament to the transformation that comes from a lifetime of following Jesus. He masterfully teaches through the Scriptures while introducing and explaining essential theological anchors for the Christian life. He weaves together profound biblical stories, powerful personal anecdotes, and relatable parallels to create a tapestry that connects ancient biblical truths with our lives today.

This book isn't a self-help resource—it's the very heart of the gospel. Never losing sight of Jesus, Greg constantly sets his gaze on the King—the only one who saves. Greg writes, "Ultimately, Jesus didn't come to this earth to show us how to live a radical life. He came to give us life—new life, true life, eternal life that starts now and lasts forever."

This message is crucial. *Radical like Jesus* is a timely reminder of the relentless pursuit of Jesus' love and the importance of carrying the gospel to the ends of the Earth. I pray this resource makes you hungrier for the things of God and more dependent on Jesus than ever before. As you are transformed in the way of Jesus, empowered to share the gospel that all may know his name, and stretched beyond your daily routines, I pray that God meets you just where you are and continues to pour out his love and mercy over your life.

May we all take up the mantle of Greg's challenge to live radically, like Jesus did.

Louie Giglio

Pastor of Passion City Church, founder of Passion Conferences

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*One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray,
and spent the night praying to God.*

LUKE 6:12

AS I TYPE THESE WORDS, I'm sitting alone in the mountains of Colorado in the pitch-black darkness of night. The only light for miles around is from my laptop. It's 3:23 a.m. I haven't seen one person since I arrived yesterday.

I'm perched on a large boulder above Moraine Park, located in the Rocky Mountain National Park. Armed with nothing but a flashlight, bug spray, and bear spray (and my laptop), I'm doing something, well, radical like Jesus.

A few months ago, my Bible reading took me to Luke 6:12: "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God." I had scheduled the last of my *Radical like Jesus* writing retreats for nearby Estes Park, Colorado. So I thought, *I've been camping before, but never by myself. And I've never spent the whole night praying to God in the mountains. That's what I'll do. I'll celebrate finishing the book by doing something radical like Jesus.*

So late yesterday afternoon I hiked into the backcountry of this vast, spectacular national park and spent the night praying on a mountainside . . . just like Jesus.

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It wasn't as easy as I'd expected. For one thing, there was no moon. It got really dark, really quickly. Also, just as a sidenote, when you scan your flashlight across a large meadow at night and see two shining objects side by side, you're being watched. The meadow grass was two feet tall, and the eyes watching me hovered just above the twenty-four-inch mark. That was unsettling. Was it a coyote? A mountain lion? A bear?

Another thing I didn't plan on was how hard it was to stay awake all night. More than fear of a bear, my hardest battle was the cage match with the sleep monster. A few times throughout the night I felt typical like Peter instead of radical like Jesus. I kept nodding off over my folded hands instead of keeping watch in prayer.

But despite my battle with heavy eyelids, I had some amazing times of prayer and worship throughout the long, dark night. My main prayer was that I would be radical like Jesus and that, after reading this book, you will be too.

What does it actually mean to be radical like Jesus? Well, allow me to make the case that nobody who ever lived was as radical as Jesus. He spoke the unspeakable, declaring the truth in the midst of a culture of lies. He did the unthinkable, cleansing the Temple of hundreds (if not thousands) of money changers who were using the sacrificial system to enrich themselves. He accomplished the unbelievable, healing countless people of horrible diseases and maladies. He reached the unreachable, pouring his life into the bad, the broken, and the bullied (and even the bullies) to rescue them from the hell they were going through and headed to.

To be radical like Jesus means to speak the unspeakable, do the unthinkable, accomplish the unbelievable, and reach the unreachable . . . just like Jesus did.

You may be thinking, *There's no way. Jesus is the Son of God. I could never be like him.* But you're wrong. Consider this bold

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statement in 1 John 2:6: “Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.”

If you are in Christ, you can live like Jesus did.

You and I can be radical like Jesus. In fact, as the verse puts it, we *must* live like Jesus did.

How is this possible? Because of the theological reality found in Galatians 2. Here Paul gives us the secret to his spiritual success. If there was anyone in the history of the church who was radical like Jesus, it was the apostle Paul. Through the power of Christ in him, he took the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome and everywhere in between across multiple mission trips. And in this single verse, he tells us his secret:

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body,
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and
gave himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:20

You can be radical like Jesus because, if you are a believer in Jesus, he lives in you and wants to live through you.

What does this look like? It looks like you doing radical things in his power and for his glory. You can touch those no one else dares touch. You can heal those who seem beyond help. You can extend God’s grace to the worst of the worst and challenge those who think they are the best of the best. It also means you may wash dirty feet from time to time and get crucified—verbally, anyway.

But before you can be radical like Jesus, you need to be radically transformed by Jesus.

Ultimately, Jesus didn’t come to this earth to show us how to live a radical life. He came to give us life—new life, true life, eternal life that starts now and lasts forever.

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Maybe you are reading this book and you are not sure you have received this gift of eternal life from Jesus. Maybe you *hope* you have it, but don't *know* for sure. Allow me to explain how you can know you have eternal life.

God loves you so much, and he created you to be in a relationship with him. The problem is sin. Our sin separates us from God. Although God loves us, he hates our sin because it violates his holy character and keeps us away from him.

You may be thinking, *I live a pretty good life. I think I'm good with the big man upstairs.* No offense, but no you don't, no you're not, and he's not "the big man upstairs." He is the unfathomably righteous God of the universe who one day will judge the living and the dead, including you and me.

His standard is perfection, nothing less. You must be as good as he is to be in his perfect presence. Trying to live up to his standard of perfection is like trying to hurdle Mount Everest.

In short, we are sinners condemned to hell, and there's nothing we can do about it in ourselves.

So God did something about it.

Two thousand years ago God sent his only Son into the world to live the perfect life we could never live and to die in our place because of our sin. Three days later he rose from the dead, proving he was God in the flesh. Now, everyone who simply believes that Jesus died in their place for their sin and trusts in Jesus alone to save them from their sins, has eternal life. And this new life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

The most famous verse of the Bible puts it this way: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

If you've never put your faith in Jesus and received that free gift of eternal life, do it right now. Receive the free gift of eternal life by faith in Jesus based on his finished work on the cross. This

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means that you are fully trusting in Jesus as your only way of going to heaven. Not Jesus *and* doing good, going to church, being religious, or anything else, just Jesus alone. As soon as you do, the Holy Spirit will come to live inside you and give you the ability to be radical like Jesus in every way, because Jesus himself will be living through you!

If you have already put your faith in Jesus (or did just now), you are ready to tackle the challenge of being radical like Jesus. You are ready to take following him to the next level.

At the end of every chapter in this book, you will find a Radical like Jesus Challenge. When we live in the power of the Spirit and allow God to do radical things through us, you and I can change our world!

This book is about doing, not just learning. Yes, I pray you get some game-changing insights into Jesus while you read it. But putting what you learn into practice is really what following Jesus is all about.

Some challenges will be easy. Others will be hard. A few will be somewhere in between. Do not skip the challenges. The book is built around them. If you're not ready to be a doer of the word and want to be a hearer only (see James 1:22), I encourage you to return this book and get your money back.

But I'm praying there's a doer inside you who is hungry for a challenge and thirsty for a risk. I'm hoping that deep down you are tired of reading about revivals—you want to experience one. I'm optimistic that you are not satisfied with hearing stories about others doing great things for God—you want to do some yourself.

That's why this book is great for studying and applying as a couple or a small group. You can hold each other accountable to do the Radical like Jesus Challenges chapter after chapter and share the stories of what God did as a result.

As I finish writing these words perched atop my big rock,

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the sun's predawn illumination has turned the pitch black into a beautiful morning glow. Soon it will breach the mountain-shaped horizon.

I pray the truths of this book will break upon the horizon of your heart and that, as a result of putting these truths into practice, the Son will shine on you and through you like never before.

I pray both of us will become radical like Jesus.

BE

“But why did you need to search?” he asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they didn’t understand what he meant.

LUKE 2:49-50, NLT

I WAS A TERRIFIED KID. Being raised in the highest crime rate area of my city, I was afraid of the rampant gangs and street violence that swarmed my house like mosquitos on un-DEETed skin in a hot jungle mess. And the danger wasn't just outside my house. It was inside too.

My family was known as “that family,” the one you wanted to avoid in a street fight, the one that would call all muscular hands on deck to punch the opposition in the teeth.

When someone yelled “fight,” everyone would pile out of our house like a commando squad eager to beat whoever we were fighting to a pulp. Everyone except me.

I was a quiet, scared, and scarred fatherless kid who was afraid of my own skinny-boy shadow. My bodybuilding, street-fighting,

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fist-throwing, headbutting uncles, aunts, and cousins were the epitome of tough. I was the epitome of not-enough-of-the-tough-stuff.

My solace was not in cracking skulls but in cracking books, specifically the Bible. The little red King James Version that Mrs. Muirhead, my second-grade Sunday school teacher, gave me was the book I cherished most. It was the Bible I took with me when I holed up underneath the kitchen sink to get away from all the sirens, screams, and sounds of fists hitting flesh-padded jawbones.

Nestled between the protruding pipes and cleaning supplies, my small body contorted until it was comfortable. In one hand was my little red Bible; in my other hand was a flashlight.

For years I had been going underneath that kitchen sink seeking solace and silence. At eight years old, it was a time of scouring Scripture. The *thees* and *thous* of the Shakespearean-era Bible translation began to make sense to my overactive mind as the closed cabinet doors muffled the yells of a loud and violent family. That two-foot-by-three-foot space became my quiet place, my sacred space, my place to just *be* with my newfound heavenly Father.

BEING WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER

To become radical like Jesus we must be intentional, passionate, and curious when it comes to spending time with the Father.

Nobody embodied this more than young Jesus. Although there is but one New Testament passage about him during his preteen and early teen years (see Luke 2:40-52), these thirteen verses are packed with insights about the boy-about-to-become-a-man and his singular passion to be with the Father.

In Jewish culture, the transition from boyhood to manhood took place at the age of thirteen. In this passage of Scripture, Jesus

was twelve and on the brink of manhood. At the end of his family's annual trip to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration, he was left behind and found himself in the Temple courts for three days, asking questions of the rabbis and giving profound answers to their questions. By the time Mary and Joseph found him, there was a crowd of teachers surrounding him who were astounded by the gravitas of his answers and the penetrating profundity of his questions.

When Mary rebuked Jesus for his decision to stay in Jerusalem instead of traveling with the caravan back to Nazareth, he simply answered, "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" (verse 49, NLT).

It is clear from this passage that Jesus was fully aware of who his real Father was—not Joseph, but Yahweh. It is also clear that Jesus longed to be with his Father in his house, the Temple.

The Temple was considered God's house, his dwelling place among the Israelites (see Exodus 25:8-9). Why? It was no longer because the presence of God dwelled in the Holy of Holies. Ezekiel 10 describes the horrific scene of God's glory leaving the Temple once and for all. The presence of God that hovered behind the veil of the Holy of Holies returned to heaven.

But now the glory of God had returned to the Temple in the skin of a twelve-year-old named Jesus. This young man was the glorious presence of God that had returned to the God-forsaken Temple of the Jews.

Why did Jesus enjoy being in his Father's house? Although a direct answer is not given in this verse, the underlying answer is hidden beneath the surface, waiting to be dug up.

Jesus longed to be where God's Word was being publicly read and explained.

Jesus didn't emerge from Mary's womb quoting the Torah. No, he had to learn to read, go to synagogue school like every other

Jewish boy, memorize Scripture, and assimilate it. Most scholars assume that this was all part of his growing-up years in Nazareth. And because asking questions of a rabbi was core to the learning style of the Jews, it's highly likely that Jesus had exhausted the local Galilean rabbis with his in-depth, penetrating questions.

But now he was in the big leagues. These were experts in the law and the prophets. He was speaking to the top Torah teachers of his time—the Chuck Swindolls, the Erwin Lutzers, the Tony Evanses of the time.

Jesus was asking questions, processing their answers, honing his theology, and arriving at biblical conclusions. He was doing this before the best of the best—and they were shocked at his depth of understanding. The word used here for “understanding” in the original Greek is *sunesis*, which means “a bringing together.” The implication is that Jesus was utilizing synthesized reasoning to connect the dots in ways that bring deeper insights than the rabbinical teachers had previously considered.

This was Jesus' version of being underneath a kitchen sink with a flashlight and a Bible. He was searching for spiritual truth. But unlike me, he found these truths much more quickly, uninhibited by sin or a clouded relationship with God.

If we want to learn to be like Jesus when it comes to being with our heavenly Father, there are three stark principles for us from this story: Be intentional. Be curious. Be passionate.

BE INTENTIONAL

Luke 2:41-42 says, “Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival *as usual*” (emphasis added, NLT). The annual festivals were attended “as usual” by every committed Jew. In the Jewish culture, males were commanded to attend three festivals in

person per year: Passover (also known as the Feast of Unleavened Bread), the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and the Feast of Tabernacles (see Exodus 23:14-19).

Yet Jesus had more than just three annual festival “as usuals” in his life. He most likely had personal times of learning from his earthly father, daily times of Torah mastery, weekly times of learning at the synagogue as a family, and, of course, his own time of meditation on God’s Word.

The Holy Scriptures were central to his “as usuals.” They were central to his time at the Temple and synagogue. They were central to his home life and personal life.

Are they central to yours?

We are living in a culture of Christianity where five-minute app devotionals (which are better than not having devotionals at all!) have replaced deep, reflective, and prayerful reading, study, and meditation on God’s Word.

Most Christians I know have never read the Bible cover to cover. They skim the top of texts like rocks skipping on water. But God desires us to plunge deeply into his Word, like a large anchor plummets to the depths of the ocean. Listen to the words of David:

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

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The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

PSALM 119:7-11

God's Word is perfect, refreshing, trustworthy, right, radiant, pure, firm, righteous, precious, and sweet. David believed this. Jesus, the Son of David, believed this. They scoured the Scriptures because they believed this.

Do *you* believe this? Do your "as usuals" reflect this?

- Your annual "as usuals" of spiritual retreats, Bible conferences, etc.
- Your weekly "as usuals" of church attendance, Bible study, small group, etc.
- Your daily "as usuals" of time reading and reflecting on God's Word, journaling, etc.

In his book *Atomic Habits*, James Clear writes, "Every action you take is a vote for the type of person you wish to become."¹ If we want to be like Jesus, then we must have habits like Jesus.

Jesus mastered Scripture. He read it, meditated on it, memorized it, and obeyed it. So should we.

The Bible is worthy of our highest attention and deepest devotion. God's Word is inspired (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17), therefore inerrant (see Proverbs 30:5), therefore in charge (see James 1:22).

It is the true north of our compass that will keep us from getting lost. It is our strong anchor in a stormy sea that will keep us from drifting from God. It is our soft couch upon which we rest when we are exhausted. It is the tent we set up so we can be alone with God.

Be intentional like Jesus. Make spending time with God in his Word your biggest “as usual.”

BE CURIOUS

I was a troublesome student. I terrorized my teachers—not because I was not paying attention or because I was goofing around all the time (although I did a lot of that). No, I terrorized my teachers because if I didn’t understand a subject or a concept, I would relentlessly ask questions until they explained it well enough for me to understand. I’m a slow learner, but a determined one.

Jesus was a *fast* and determined learner. He was curious. His sharp mind, uninhibited by sin and distraction, worked so quickly that it astounded the top teachers of his time. Luke describes it this way: “Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers” (2:46-47, NLT).

Jesus asked questions and assimilated answers. He wrestled through subjects until he wrestled them fully to the ground and pinned them down.

We should have such an approach when we take time to be with our Father. Ask God hard questions, and wrestle through difficult subjects. Do the same with the preachers and teachers in your world. Be curious, and don’t stop asking hard questions until you get the answers from God’s Word—even if you’re a slow learner like me.

BE PASSIONATE

Jesus was so passionate about being in his Father's house and understanding his Father's Word that he spent three days and nights in the Temple, without his family, as a twelve-year-old boy.

Where did Jesus sleep during these three days? How did he eat? *Did* he eat? Did he care?

It seems like the only thing on his mind was understanding God's Word better. During these seventy-two hours, he relentlessly quizzed the rabbis. He was passionate to understand as much as he possibly could before his parents found him.

It wasn't just the acquisition of knowledge. He didn't want just to know more; he wanted to grow more, to love his Father with perfect love and obey him with perfect submission. That was his passion. That was his obsession. That's what made food, sleep, rest, and the safety of being with Mom and Dad a distant second.

Jesus was passionate about being with the Father and knowing his Word.

I'm a passionate guy. When I preach, the veins in my neck pop and I sweat like Tommy Boy in a sauna with a broken thermostat. As someone once said, "When I preach, I set myself on fire and people come to watch me burn."

But as passionate as I am about preaching, I want to be more passionate about my time with God in his Word.

For years I traveled with the spoken word artist Jason Petty (aka Propaganda). Jason, Zane Black, and I traveled the nation training teens how to share the gospel during our Dare 2 Share conferences. Jason used to say to the teenagers, "When it comes to your time with the Lord, be a jerk about it."

We need to pick a time and place we meet with God every single day. That place becomes our version of our "Father's house."

My "Father's house" is at the end of our long couch by the

gas fireplace. Every morning, “as usual,” I meet him there. I seek to spend the first hour of every day with God. During this time, I pray, read his Word, meditate on it, and sometimes journal a prayer back to God about a verse that really communicates to me. I ask God the hard questions. I wrestle through difficult passages until the Holy Spirit, the ultimate teacher, helps me understand. And then I seek to put whatever truth I’ve learned that day into practice in some tangible way.

People often ask me if I ever went through a time of rebellion against God. I haven’t. To be sure, I have struggled with sin and faltered and failed, but I have never stopped fighting the good fight to be holy and to serve Christ.

When they ask how I can explain this, the only answer I can give them is that I am relentlessly in God’s Word every single day, seeking his will, asking him to fill me with his power to conquer the temptations of that day.

I have chosen to be in my Father’s house. And by God’s grace, I will never leave.

Join me there.

RADICAL LIKE JESUS CHALLENGE #1

Difficulty: Easy

Set a daily time and place to meet with the Lord for at least fifteen minutes.

Make it your goal to do this for at least twenty-one days in a row to create an unshakable and unbreakable habit.