

# No Stopping Now

## Make Jesus Tangible (Week 3)

LifeNotes

### TALK IT OVER

#### **Main Idea**

Tangible acts of mercy mark followers of Jesus.

#### **Key Scriptures**

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14 NIV

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? James 2:14 NLT

Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." James 2:18 NLT

Luke 10:30-37 NLT

**It's what we choose to do with what we choose to believe that matters most.**

#### **Start talking.**

- Why is it so important for our actions to align with our words?
- How have you seen that not happen with people who claim to be followers of Jesus?

#### **Start thinking.**

- Read Philippians 3:12-14. What is the temptation is thinking we have "already obtained all this"?
- Read James 2:14 and 2:18. If its true that our "deeds" don't save us, then what role do those actions play in our faith?
- Read Luke 10:30-37. Why didn't the priest and temple assistant help the man? Why did Jesus choose the Samaritan as the hero?

#### **Start sharing.**

- Who is your neighbor?
- How can you show them the love of Christ?

#### **Start doing.**

- Read Galatians 5:22-23. How will you Make Jesus Tangible in your home by living out the fruits of the Spirit?
- What tangible need in the church and/or in our community will you take action to help?

#### **Closing prayer.**

Lord Jesus, thank you for tangibly loving us by giving your life that we might live. Help us to see the needs around us and to tangibly meet those needs both in our homes and in our communities. Give us the courage to let our actions confirm the truth of what we choose to believe in you.