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Bringing the Kingdom by Being Exactly Who You Are

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**40 DAYS
OF FAITH**

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Our goal for this year's 40 Days is that every one of us will find a way to move someone outside of church toward Jesus.

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Week One: We are Plan A, and there is no Plan B.

Week Two: Five Steps

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Week Three: Follow your compassion

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Today: Do I have to become someone else to help someone move toward Jesus?

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Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service.² As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple.³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!"⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money.⁶ But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened.⁸ He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.⁹ All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God.¹⁰ When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded!¹¹ They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.¹² Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd.

(Acts 3:1-12a NLT)

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The Downside of Trying to Be Who I'm Not

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God with Skin On

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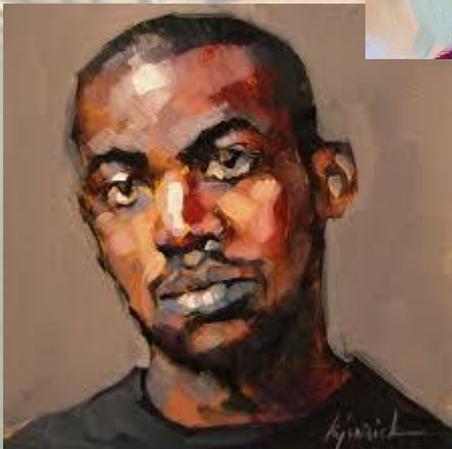
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A photograph of a wooden fence in a field of tall corn under a blue sky with clouds. The fence is made of light-colored wood and runs along the edge of the cornfield. The corn is tall and green, with some yellowing at the top. The sky is a clear blue with a few white clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Portrait, Mirror, or Window?

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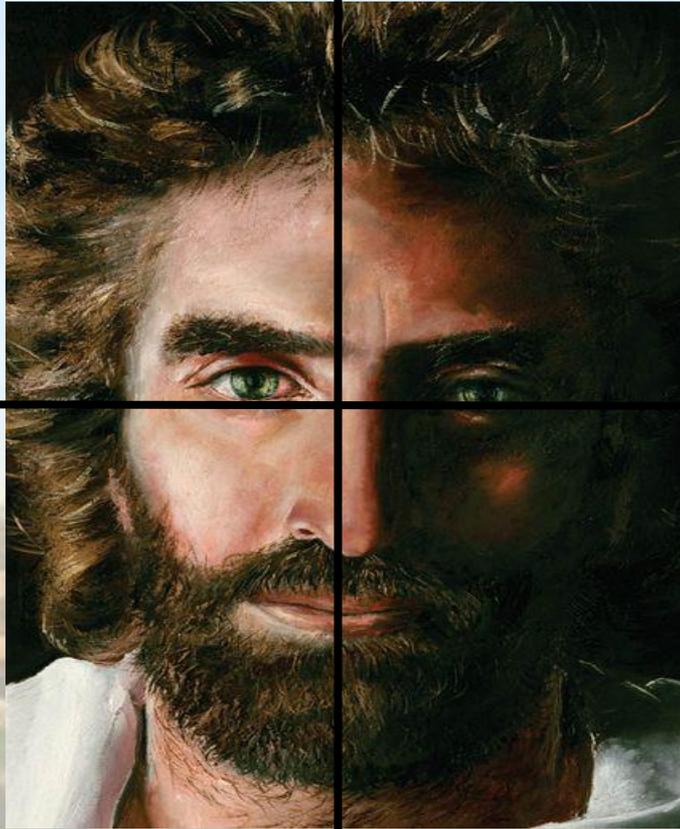
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And then, be real. Be yourself. Let Jesus shine through you—no matter how rough you look—and trust that as others see Jesus in you, they will be so attracted to him that they move toward him.

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