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## When Imperfection is Perfect

1 Peter 3:13-17

You can sum up this entire series in three statements:

1. Cheer up! You're more sinful than you think you are!
2. Cheer up! You're more loved than you can possibly imagine!
3. Cheer up! You're more instrumental than you dare dream!

**Big Idea:** In spite of your sin, God's love for you and grace at work in you make you the perfect instrument to spread the gospel.

There are three key ingredients in this text that are vital for sharing the gospel. They are willingness, relationship, and the Holy Spirit.

### Questions to Discuss

1. What components need to exist before you ask someone a question because you want to listen to their answer?
2. What can you do in your present relationships that would help others want to ask you about the Hope you have?
3. What part do the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) play in this dynamic?

### A few practical applications:

- Invite someone to "WHOever Believes" then offer to bring them or meet them there.
- Volunteer regularly at ReStored or someplace similar and look for opportunities to start relationships and practice the golden rule.
- Fill out a Connect Card and note you are interested in becoming a deacon or deaconess.
- Practice letting your imperfections show in your relationships instead of hiding them.
- When you sin, repent with confidence and apologize with humility.

**Memory Verse:**

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (ESV)

**Other Scripture:** John 4:1-45; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-18

**Further Study:**

**Read:** 1 Peter 3:13-17 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

**Discuss:**

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

**Act:**

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.