

How to Live Through a Bad Day

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Principle #5

(John 19:28) “I am thirsty.”

Be human enough to _____.

Roadblocks to Being Real

✓ Hidden _____.

(2 Corinthians 4:2 Message) “We refuse to wear masks and play games...Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see...”

(1 John 1:7-8) “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”

✓ Desire for _____.

(Proverbs 29:25) “Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.”

✓ Past _____.

(James 5:16) “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...”

Be Transparent

1. Because I need _____.

The church is a _____.

(Ephesians 2:21) “In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.”

2. Because I need to _____.

The church is a _____.

(Ephesians 4:16) “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

(Colossians 2:19 NLT) “We are joined together in His Body by His strong sinews, and we grow as we get our nourishment and strength from God.”

3. Because I need _____.

The church is a _____.

(1 Peter 5:2) “Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care...”

(John 15:12-13) “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

4. Because I need to be _____.

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✓ Desire for approval.

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1. Because I need support.

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