



*The thing about*  
**RELATIONSHIPS**

## THE THING ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS (April 7 to May 5)

*Many relationships are under constant stress and fatigue. Fortunately, Jesus provides us wisdom showing us how to rethink the way we live among — and interact with — friends, coworkers, neighbors, strangers, and even family.*

### Group Discussion

**Getting started:** What is something kind of crazy you've done with a group of friends?

1. Read **Luke 5:17-26**. Being **passive** means playing it safe, clinging to the way things have always been, based on a fear of the future. Being **bold** means taking a risk into an unknown future, based on reliable information.
2. In what areas of your life are you too passive? In what areas of your life are you the most bold? What are some examples of being passive in a relationship? Why is it always toxic?
3. If you were one of the friends in this story, what would you have done when you got there and saw the crowd? Who are you in your friend group: the more risky person, or the play it safe person?
4. Read **James 2:14, 20**. According to James, without boldness to take action your faith is invisible, unhelpful, and useless. Do you agree or disagree?
5. When have you had to take a risk and step into something even though you didn't know for sure how it would turn out? Why did you take that risk? Was it worth it?
6. Read **Jude 1:23**. What would it look like if you lived with this kind of bold urgency? What would it look like for our church to have this kind of bold urgency?

## Next Steps

- Based on what you know about Jesus, what is the risk you need to take in a relationship?

## Resources

- *Made for People* by Justin Whitmel Earley

## Next Week

We will kick off a new sermon series, *Unsung Heroes*. In the grand scope of the God's story, there are a few who get most of the press. However, behind the scenes, God often employs unsung heroes — weaving their actions into the tapestry of His divine plan.

- **Jasper:** 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. EDT.
- **Loogootee:** 9 and 10:30 a.m. EDT.
- **Tell City:** 8:30 and 10 a.m. CDT.

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