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**TITLE** A Flawed Plan?

**SERIES** The gospel's message is simple. Its promises are clear. And Jesus calls us to go into the world and share His message of hope. So why can it feel so hard to share our faith with those around us? Let's talk about how to effectively reach the people in our lives and make an eternal difference.

1. Pastor David opened his sermon by saying the foundational purpose for God creating us is to intentionally reach others. Answer the question, "Where would you be if someone hadn't reached out to you?"
2. How has becoming a Christian positively or negatively impacted your life?
3. Digging into The Bible's Story, read Genesis 2:8-23. How did God demonstrate His friendship with Adam? Read Luke 4:38 and John 15:15. How did Jesus demonstrate His friendship with his disciples? Find other scripture that shows His friendship.
4. After man shattered his friendship with God, and after the promise of a Savior, (Matthew – John) discuss what our reconciled friendship with Jesus means for us. (2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 1:21 and Ephesians 4:32)
5. Doubt does not disqualify us from God. Read Matthew 14:24-33; Matthew 28:17; John 20:24-29. How can doubt make you stronger in your faith and relationship with God?
6. Despite moments of doubt, the disciples' faith grew stronger. If faith and doubt can co-exist, how do you keep your faith greater than your doubt?
7. Jesus gave his disciples authority to teach and baptize in His name. (Matthew 28:18-20) Jesus gives us the same authority. How does knowing that God trusts us with the people in our sphere of influence change your perspective on reaching others?
8. How does realizing "Go" is not a geographical command, but a spiritual command, change your perspective on reaching two?