**PEOPLE NOT PROJECTS**

**READ** [Matthew 5:14-16](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CZ2fba89__nhrl4f2DCQjLYXgQEQBPRw/view?usp=sharing)

Do you remember going car shopping for the first time? From the opening exchange, I felt like I was hearing the lines out of some secret playbook, “What will it take to get you into a new car today?”

You have probably felt like that before. Like the person across from you was only talking *to* you because they had something to *sell* you. Maybe you’ve felt like the person across from you only saw you as a prospect or project, instead of a person.

If you aren’t careful, investing in your ONE. If you aren’t careful, you can turn people into prospects or projects. No one wants to be a prospect. No one wants to be a project.

Instead, **when you commit to helping ONE friend you love find The God who loves them you are committing to changing your posture**, not taking on a project. When you change your posture, you are repositioning yourself so that God can use you to communicate His love for your ONE.

**If the hope that we have as Jesus followers is life-giving and powerful, we should want others to experience it.** It’s like when Jesus taught us to not hide our light under a bowl, but to let it shine before others. That light is qualified, it’s good deeds that will help our neighbors see that God is for them. Light is only helpful when it gives light to others.

As you look for ways to invest in your ONE, make sure that you are trying to be a light, that your heart’s posture is first and foremost acting out of love for your ONE. It’s this posture of love that will shine brightest.

**LIVE**

Think about the next 24-48 hours and imagine when you might come across one of your ONEs. Brainstorm a couple good deeds that you might be able to do for them that will help them know that you are for them.

**PRAY**

*Lord, thank you for loving me and allowing me to share the message of hope that comes from trusting in Jesus. I pray that I might be prompted today to see when I can do good deeds that will shine a light into the lives of my ONE. Help me to act out of an authentic posture of love. Give me the courage to act. In Jesus name, Amen.*