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April 26, 2026

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Who has had an impact on your life...not because they were impressive... but just because they were consistent and showed up? What do you remember most about them?

ENGAGE

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

GROW

1. When you hear the phrase “just show up,” what does that look like in your faith right now? Where is it hardest for you to stay consistent?

2. Be honest. Do you feel like you’ve really received God’s love lately, or just know it in your head? What’s the difference for you?

3. Jesus says to “remain” in Him, not perform. Do you tend to lean more toward striving or staying connected? Why do you think that is?

4. Where in your life right now are you wanting the whole plan instead of just trusting God with the next step? What might your “next step” actually be, and what’s holding you back from taking it?

LEAD (YOURSELF):

What are some practical ways you can stay connected to Jesus in everyday life (not just church or quiet time)?