

THE VOICE

Part 3: "Being Heard In A World That Isn't Listening"
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IF YOU REALLY WANT YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD IN A WORLD THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE LISTENING, YOU HAVE TO...

1. ...CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE

"Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world."

Ephesians 6:12 (NCV)

"You were all baptized into Christ, and so you were all clothed with Christ. This means that you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. In Christ, there is no difference between Jew and Greek, slave and free person, male and female. You are all the same in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:26-28 (NCV)

"Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!"

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (MSG)

2. ...CHANGE YOUR POSTURE

"Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command. If anyone thinks he is too great to stoop to this, he is fooling himself. He is really a nobody."

Galatians 6:2-3 (TLB)

"This is what our Scriptures come to teach: <u>in</u> <u>everything</u>, <u>in every circumstance</u>, do to others as you would have them do to you."

Matthew 7:12 (TVB)

"Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

3. ...CHANGE YOUR MESSAGE

"God made us in all our diversity from one original person, allowing each culture to have its own time to develop, giving each its own place to live and thrive in its distinct ways."

Acts 17:26 (TVB)

"My brothers and sisters, don't be surprised if the world hates you. We know that we have left our old dead way of life. And we have entered into new life. We know this because we love one another. Anyone who doesn't love still lives in their old condition. Anyone who hates their brother or sister is a murderer. And you know that no murderer has eternal life."

1 John 3:13-15 (NIRV)

"This royal law is found in the Scriptures: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' If you obey this law, you are doing right. But if you treat one person as being more important than another, you are sinning. You are guilty of breaking God's law."

James 2:8-9 (NCV)

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

John 13:34-35 (MSG)