

# NEIGHBORING

WHY EVERY RELATIONSHIP MATTERS



# 1 THESSALONIANS 2

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V. 2: “...WE HAD **BOLDNESS** IN OUR GOD  
TO DECLARE TO YOU THE GOSPEL OF  
GOD...”





# 2. GENTLY



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V. 7: “...WE WERE **GENTLE** AMONG YOU...”



# 3. RELATIONALLY



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V. 8: “...WE WERE READY TO SHARE WITH YOU NOT ONLY THE GOSPEL OF GOD, **BUT ALSO OUR OWN SELVES...**”





NEIGHBORING TOOL #1:  
**YOUR STORY**



I THANK CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, WHO HAS GIVEN ME STRENGTH, THAT **HE CONSIDERED ME** TRUSTWORTHY, APPOINTING ME TO HIS SERVICE. EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONCE A BLASPHEMER AND A PERSECUTOR AND A VIOLENT MAN, **I WAS SHOWN MERCY** BECAUSE I ACTED

**1 TIMOTHY 1:12-16**



IN IGNORANCE AND UNBELIEF. THE  
**GRACE OF OUR LORD WAS POURED OUT  
ON ME ABUNDANTLY**, ALONG WITH THE  
FAITH AND LOVE THAT ARE IN CHRIST  
JESUS. HERE IS A TRUSTWORTHY SAYING  
THAT DESERVES FULL ACCEPTANCE:  
**CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO**

**1 TIMOTHY 1:12-16**





**SAVE SINNERS**—OF WHOM I AM THE WORST. BUT FOR THAT VERY REASON I WAS SHOWN MERCY SO THAT IN ME, THE WORST OF SINNERS, CHRIST JESUS MIGHT DISPLAY HIS IMMENSE PATIENCE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD BELIEVE IN HIM AND RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE.

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NEIGHBORING TOOL #2:  
**YOUR COMMUNITY**



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**1 JOHN 4:12:** NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD; BUT **IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER,** GOD LIVES IN US AND **HIS LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE** IN US.





NEIGHBORING TOOL #3:  
**YOUR PRAYERS**





I'VE ALWAYS SAID, I DON'T RESPECT  
PEOPLE WHO **DON'T PROSELYTIZE**. I DON'T  
RESPECT THAT AT ALL. IF YOU BELIEVE  
THERE IS A HEAVEN AND HELL, AND  
PEOPLE COULD BE GOING TO HELL OR NOT  
GETTING ETERNAL LIFE OR WHATEVER, AND  
YOU THINK IT'S NOT REALLY WORTH

**PENN JILLETTE**



TELLING THEM THIS **BECAUSE IT WOULD  
MAKE IT SOCIALLY AWKWARD?** HOW MUCH  
DO YOU HAVE TO **HATE SOMEBODY TO NOT  
PROSELYTIZE?** HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE  
TO **HATE SOMEONE** TO BELIEVE  
EVERLASTING LIFE IS POSSIBLE AND **NOT  
TELL THEM THAT?**

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