

HE GETS US
Part Four: Struggle
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QUESTION: If you're wrong, do you want to know?

QUICK FACTS ABOUT JESUS

- Born into a low-income family.
- His first nursery was where they fed animals.
- Low-income, blue-collar workers crowded the delivery room.
- The primary income earner in his home died early.
- Relied on crowdfunding to cover all the costs of his travel and work.

LUKE 8:3 *Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.*

- He wasn't homeless, but he didn't exactly have a home.

MATTHEW 8:20 *Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

What made Jesus **EXTRAORDINARY** was that he was so **ORDINARY**.

HEBREWS 4:15-16 *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

JOHN 1:14 *The Word became flesh and **made his dwelling** among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Jesus wasn't a **TOURIST** in the human experience. He was a full-time **RESIDENT**.

God can enter into human weakness without ceasing to rule the world. —**Gregory of Nyssa** (335–395)

Dependence | Independence | Interdependence

Jesus modeled **DEPENDENCE** on the Father and **INTERDEPENDENCE** with others.

MATTHEW 6:11-12 *Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

Affluence **DECEIVES** us into aiming for **INDEPENDENCE**.

(from Twitter) **The quickest path to becoming a high-value man:**

1. Do not get married
2. Avoid family creation
3. Vasectomy in your 20s
4. Lift consistently
5. Eliminate all sedations
6. Learn Game & Networking
7. Play to your strengths, build wealth
8. Resist easing up on your focus

New report from US Surgeon General: The US is in a profound loneliness crisis. Every measure of population-wide friendship, companionship, and social fitness is worse than it was 20 years ago.

–Derek Thompson

MATTHEW 19:29-30 *And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.*

We are ourselves most embodying the image of God when embed ourselves in community. **–Greg Coles**

Jesus did not give us a way to **END** our struggles. He gave us a way to be **WITH** him and each other **IN** our struggles.