



True Stories

Pt. 4: Seeking the Lost

By Louie Marsh, 9-1-2024

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2) I need to _____ to respond to criticism like Jesus did.

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²⁰ *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.* Galatians 2:20 (ESV) [Matthew 5:39 (ESV)]

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4) I need to understand that _____ needs to change.

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