

UNSTOPPABLE – Week 04

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Acts 17:22-34

22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for. “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ 29 Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” 32 *Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”* 33 So Paul went out from their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

STOP

LIGHTEN UP

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

ROAD CLOSED

God wants us to know one another, to pay attention to what’s going on underneath the surface, to listen to what’s happening in someone else’s heart.

We can live without getting the last word. We can live without trying to make sure we control how other people are thinking about us. We can live without winning every argument, without powering up over every decision, without always drawing attention to ourselves.”

- You have never met a person who doesn’t long for more joy.
- People who don’t take themselves too seriously give a great gift to those around them.
- One of the hardest things in the world is to be right and not hurt anybody with it.

- If you're willing to lighten up, even your mistakes can become bridges.
- Every relationship is a construction zone.
- "Motivate me. Call out the best in me. Believe in me. Encourage me when I'm tempted to quit.

Next Steps:

1. How well do you do at reading people? Take a few days to practice noticing what people are saying to you with their faces, their body language, and the tone of their voices.
2. Ask a trusted friend to tell you which of the relational signs you most need to work on.
3. Just for today, be on the lookout for someone who needs inspiration. Ask God to help give you the right words or gesture.