"Being the Difference" Tenacity
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The pathway to making a lasting difference is by first <u>being</u> the difference

Jesus demonstrated tenacity…
in the face of opposition

- **Herod**

<u>Matthew 2:16</u>
"When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi."

- **Enemy**

<u>Luke 4:13</u>
"Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time."

- **Pharisees**

Jesus' love for people always outweighed His regard for man-made rules.

<u>John 11:53</u>
"So from that day on they plotted to take His life."

Jesus demonstrated tenacity…
in fighting for the lost

<u>Matthew 21:12-14</u>
"Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. [13] And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

[14] Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them."

Jesus always built bridges and destroyed barriers to those who were lost.

Jesus demonstrated tenacity…
in finishing His mission

<u>Matthew 26:52-53</u>
"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. [53] Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"

<u>Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)</u>
*"looking unto Jesus, the author and **finisher** of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

3 <u>Challenges for Today</u>

1)Jesus lived and died with tenacity for you…Are you living with tenacity for Him?

2)The power for Jesus' tenacity came from the power of the Holy Spirit. Are you filled with His power?

<u>Romans 8:11</u>
"And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you."

3)Is there anything you need to quit So that you can begin to live with tenacity?

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