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**Session 6 – “A New Approach”
(Chapters 21 - 24)
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Opening Prayer

Opening Statement/Question...

If we're going to reach unchurched, under-churched, de-churched, and post-churched folks with the new covenant, new command message of Jesus in a culture that's trending post-Christian, we must rethink our *approach*. The right message with the wrong approach yields the wrong results. This is why parents obsess over how to *approach* their kids on certain topics. They know what needs to be communicated. But the wrong approach has the potential to send an important conversation in the wrong direction.

But there's another reason parents obsess over their approach. They care.

When you care about someone, you're never content to simply make you point. When you care about someone, your goal is to make a difference. So you think long and hard about your approach.

What do you think?

**Session 6 Video...
(Notes Section)**

- **The beauty of de-conversion stories...**
- **Jesus has never been the stumbling block...**
- **Why the first disciples stuck around...**
- **Which is the cart, which is the horse?...**
- **How to re-become irresistible...**
- **Exceptional, exception-al Katherine...**

Follow Up Questions...

1. **How did the video segment sit with you? What part of it stuck with you most, and why?**

2. **Andy notes that people don't generally leave the church or the faith because of Jesus and that Jesus has never been the stumbling block. For the people you know who have fallen away from church or faith or the things of God, what caused them to lose interest?**

3. **What do you think your response would be to those who left if they were to come to you for input?**

4. **In terms of how to reach out to those who have left, Andy wrote the following:**
In our post-Christian culture, making better churches isn't the answer. The answer is to return to the resurrection-centered, new covenant, love-one-another version of our faith...The version of faith that got this thing kicked off to begin with. Unchurched people may not be interested in church, but they certainly want to be one-anothered. Especially when things aren't going well. Post-Christians could not care less about my new sermon series. But they're still interested in matters of faith and spirituality...
Most post-Christians still have a crush on Jesus.

What would you hope this "one-anothering" would include if you were on the receiving end?

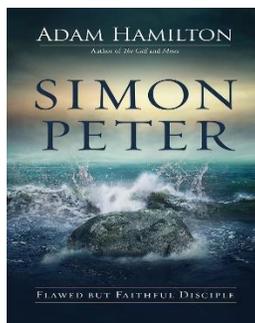
5. Let's discuss these three questions...

- If nothing about the version of Christianity we espouse today were to change, how would you describe the type of faith that would be passed to our children and their children.
- How does that hypothetical reality you just described compare with *hopes and dreams* for the faith we pass down?
- What do you think reclaiming our *irresistibility* will require of us collectively? What might it require of you?

I say it's worth any change necessary to ensure the version of faith passed on to the next generation is the enduring version – the faith of our first-century fathers. The version that was harder than Roman steel and tougher than Roman nails.

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