



“But God...”

Acts 10:28

- Many testimonies from followers of Christ include the words “I used to be...” “Before I met Jesus, I used to be...”
- Consider this: Every unbeliever that you and I know or meet, is a potential “used to be.”

The “But God...” Principle:

We have a tendency to judge people on the basis of who they are, where they come from, how they look, and what they have done. Then, we conclude that some are undesirables, unworthy of our love and compassion.

But God lovingly sees these people as lost souls, who can be reached and transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. – Acts 10: 28, 34, 35

1. How Peter learned this principle. *Acts 10 and 11*

- He received a vision about Gentiles.
- He preached the gospel to Gentiles.
- He witnessed the salvation of Gentiles.

2. How Jesus practiced this principle.

- Undesirables.
- Outreach.
- Purpose. (Luke 19:10)

3. How we can apply this principle.

- Have you labeled anyone as “undesirables?”
- Does God love these people?
- Can these people be saved and transformed? (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- Are you willing to give these people what they don’t expect?
- Are you someone these people would come to in time of spiritual crisis?