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TITLE: **Beyond Judgment: Radically Accepting Sinners**

Often we let others' sins define them and divide us. But our ongoing involvement and relationship with others, especially those we think of as "sinners", begins with a profound grasp of God's grace.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about living as a friend of sinners...

1. **The Bible and all of history have shown us that the one thing we have *most* in common with every other human being is our sinful nature.** Our love of self and desire to create an identity apart from God and have everyone else bow down to our glory is a common thread throughout all of humanity. But commonly we let others' particular sins define who they are and separate us, when in fact we are all sinners in need of a savior. We're all dying, literally, and in need of rescue.
2. **Remember, Jesus is the ultimate insider; he is God!** And yet he came and lived like an outsider. Jesus took the sin from us *outsiders* and put it upon himself on the Cross. He traded his perfect life for our messed up lives, and in so doing, treated us like *insiders* in the kingdom of God. We now get to live in a close relationship with our Father God who has chosen to no longer even remember our sin!
3. **How do you currently make new friends?** Identify one or two places or activities you can engage in to regularly hang out and build new relationships. Begin to invite just one not-yet believing friend or couple over for dinner each week. Don't rush to "get them saved"; take your time, be a good friend and listener. Remember the mission is to make disciples. After a while, invite a Christian friend or couple over for dinner as well to begin to cross-pollinate these two relationships. Get started today!

If you are interested in being coached by Caesar and his wife Tina in a lifestyle of discipleship and mission, let's get you some more information...

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~Caesar