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Two Legs Or A Piece Of An Ear

(Be careful who you count too far gone to matter)
SERIES: Fight Back!! (06 of 07)
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"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, **he remembers that we are dust.**" (Psa 103:13-14)

4 Things Made Jesus Outstanding

He was **smart**.

"And Jesus grew in **wisdom** and **stature**, and in **favor** with God and men." (Luke 2:52 NIV)

He was **strong**.

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin." (Hebrews 4:15 NIV)

He was **good**.

"As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. '**No one is good—except God alone.**'" (Mark 10:17-18 NIV)

And He **cared**.

"Jesus wept." (John 11:35)

The 7 Sounds of Apathy

They should have **known better**.

They made their **bed** now let them lie in it.

They are just that way; **they'll never change**.

I have **my own problems** to worry about.

It's my money to do with **as I please**.

I'm **too busy** to be bothered.

God helps those who **help themselves**.

Because People Matter Most . . .

"Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'An enemy will overrun the land; he will pull down your strongholds and plunder your fortresses.' This is what the LORD says: 'As a shepherd saves from the lion's mouth **only two leg bones or a piece of an ear**, so will the Israelites be saved, those who sit in Samaria on the edge of their beds and in Damascus on their couches. Hear this and testify against the house of Jacob,' declares the Lord, the LORD God Almighty." (Amos 3:11-13 (NIV))

We fight though **the case seems hopeless**.

We fight though **the cause seems abandoned**.

We fight though **companions seem unconcerned**.

"Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me . . ."
(2 Timothy 4:10 NIV)