

# Rough Crowd "A Strategy for Perfection"- Ben Foote

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## Community:

1. What was your first church experience...or the first time you came in contact with Christians like? How would you describe these people you encountered?
2. Who do you think is the roughest person in the Bible, and why?

## Core:

1. **Read Matthew 5:48.** As we can read here, Jesus demands a standard of perfection from us—a standard none of us will ever be able to uphold. With that in mind, what standards have you set for yourself? How do you try and uphold your own standards and the standards you feel God has set for you?
2. This weekend a video testimony was shown of NHL hockey player Jack Skille. In the video confessed that he never feels like he's enough. Do you feel like you have to prove yourself to God and others? How does that affect the way you live and treat others?
3. Ben shared a lot of the life of the Apostle Peter. What do you know about Peter? What kind of man was he? Do you see a piece of yourself in Peter? If so, how can you relate to him?
4. **Read Luke 5:1-11.** What stands out to you in this story? How does Peter judge/label himself in the presence of Jesus? Can you relate to Peter?
5. How does Jesus respond to Peter in Luke 5:1-1 and what can we learn about Jesus through this response?
6. Ask yourself this question: *What is your strategy for perfection?* What is driving your strategy? What do you want to change about your strategy? Where do you need God to show up in order to make those changes?
7. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.** What would it take for you to stop asking the question, "*Am I enough?*" and start focusing on the fact that Jesus is enough for you? What do you think would change about your strategy for perfection if you started focusing on Jesus being enough instead of yourself having to be enough?

## Challenge:

Ben wrapped up by saying our strategy for perfection should stop being, "*Am I enough?*" and instead, focus on Jesus, because HE is enough for us. Even though we are a rough crowd, we are a rough crowd that Jesus is making perfect.



Spend time each day this week in prayer reminding yourself of that, and thanking Jesus for being enough. Ask Him to show up in the areas you want to see change and watch what happens.