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How To Live In A Foreign Land

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Intro - Author Clifton Fadiman: *When you travel, remember that a foreign country isn't designed to make you comfortable. It's designed to make its own people comfortable.*

Hebrews 11:13 ...foreigners and strangers on earth.

Philippians 3:20 - Our citizenship is in heaven.

1. Meet people where they are.

1 Cor. 9:19-22 - Though I'm free... I've made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews *I became like* a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law *I became like* one under the law... to win them. To those not having the law *I became like* one not having the law... to win them. To the weak *I became* weak, to win the weak. I've become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

Romans 15:2-3 - Each of us should *please our neighbors* for *their* good, to build *them* up. For even Christ didn't please Himself.

2. Be honest about who you are.

Genesis 46:34 - The Egyptians despise shepherds.

2 Cor. 4:3 - If our gospel is hidden, it is hidden from those who are *perishing*.

Matthew 5:14-16 - "You're the light of the world... No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to

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everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

3. Share what you have with the world.

Hebrews 7:7 - Without a doubt, the *lesser* is blessed by the *greater*.

4. Be faithful.

Ephesians 6:5-7 - Servants, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, *just as you would obey Christ...* Serve wholeheartedly.

Col. 3:23 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the ord.
