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**Series Title: The Beautiful Way**

**Sermon Title: Surprisingly Effective Influence**

Matthew 5:13-16 (Pew Bible Page: 810)

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Sometimes we're tempted to be less than honest. I am often asked the question, "What do you do for a living?" If I am honest, I cannot hide my connection to Jesus. Identifying myself as a pastor often changes the nature of the conversation. Sometimes it leads to silence. If you're not a pastor, maybe you can try to hide your identity as a follower of Jesus for a time, but how would you then identify yourself? When people look at you, who do they see? Who do they think you follow? What do you influence them toward?

If you are a follower of Jesus:

- Jesus' character within you influences others toward the Beautiful Way.
- You are to serve as a preserving, seasoning influence toward Jesus and His Beautiful Way. Even a pinch of salt has a great effect!
- You are to serve as a shining light pointing people to Jesus and His Beautiful Way. Even a small light fills the room!

If you are not a follower of Jesus:

- Jesus offers the light of life to everyone. You can enter His Beautiful Way.