



GREGORY BOYLE

Gregory Boyle is an American Catholic priest who has dedicated his life to serving gang-members in Los Angeles. He is the founder and director of Homeboy Industries: a rehabilitation program from gang members. He has written and spoken publicly about the power of compassion and radical kinship.



Selected Quotations

- “You stand with the least likely to succeed until success is succeeded by something more valuable: kinship. You stand with the belligerent, the surly, and the badly behaved until bad behavior is recognized for the language it is: the vocabulary of the deeply wounded and of those whose burdens are more than they can bear.”
- “Jesus was not a man for others. He was one with others. There is a world of difference in that. Jesus didn't seek the rights of lepers. He touched the leper even before he got around to curing him. He didn't champion the cause of the outcast. He was the outcast. He didn't fight for improved conditions for the prisoner. He simply said, 'I was in prison.'”
- The strategy of Jesus is not centered in taking the right stand on issues, but rather in standing in the right place—with the outcast and those relegated to the margins.”
- [Source \(click here\)](#)



Online Materials:

- [An inspiring speech by Gregory Boyle at a graduation ceremony](#)
- [An interview with Gregory Boyle on his story, Homeboy ministries and the power of kinship](#)
- [An interview with Gregory Boyle from May 2020 on compassion in the pandemic](#)
- **Further reading**
- Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion (Simon and Schuster, 2011)