



LOVE in a time of a division

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

GOD IS LOVE

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us." 1 John 4:7-12

Love your Neighbor
 who doesn't
 look like you,
 think like you,
 love like you,
 speak like you,
 pray like you,
 vote like you,
 Love your Neighbor.
 No Exceptions.

How does the world change if we love not despite of our differences but regardless of our differences?

What does this love look like?

Find a person that challenges you, have a conversation about this idea.

How does love look different for those I fundamentally disagree with? Are there truly no exceptions?

AN ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES - LOVE WINS

Supplies you'll need for this activity:

- blank index cards
- yarn
- crayons or markers
- single hole punch.

Ask them to think of times when love has won. Encourage them to consider examples from their own lives and the larger world. Then, have them draw or write about each of these on the index cards using crayons or markers. String these together by using the single hole punch to place holes at the top and bottom of each index card. Run a piece of yarn through each hole and tie it to connect one card to another. Repeat this until all of the cards are strung together. Hang your "love wins" garland somewhere in your home!
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