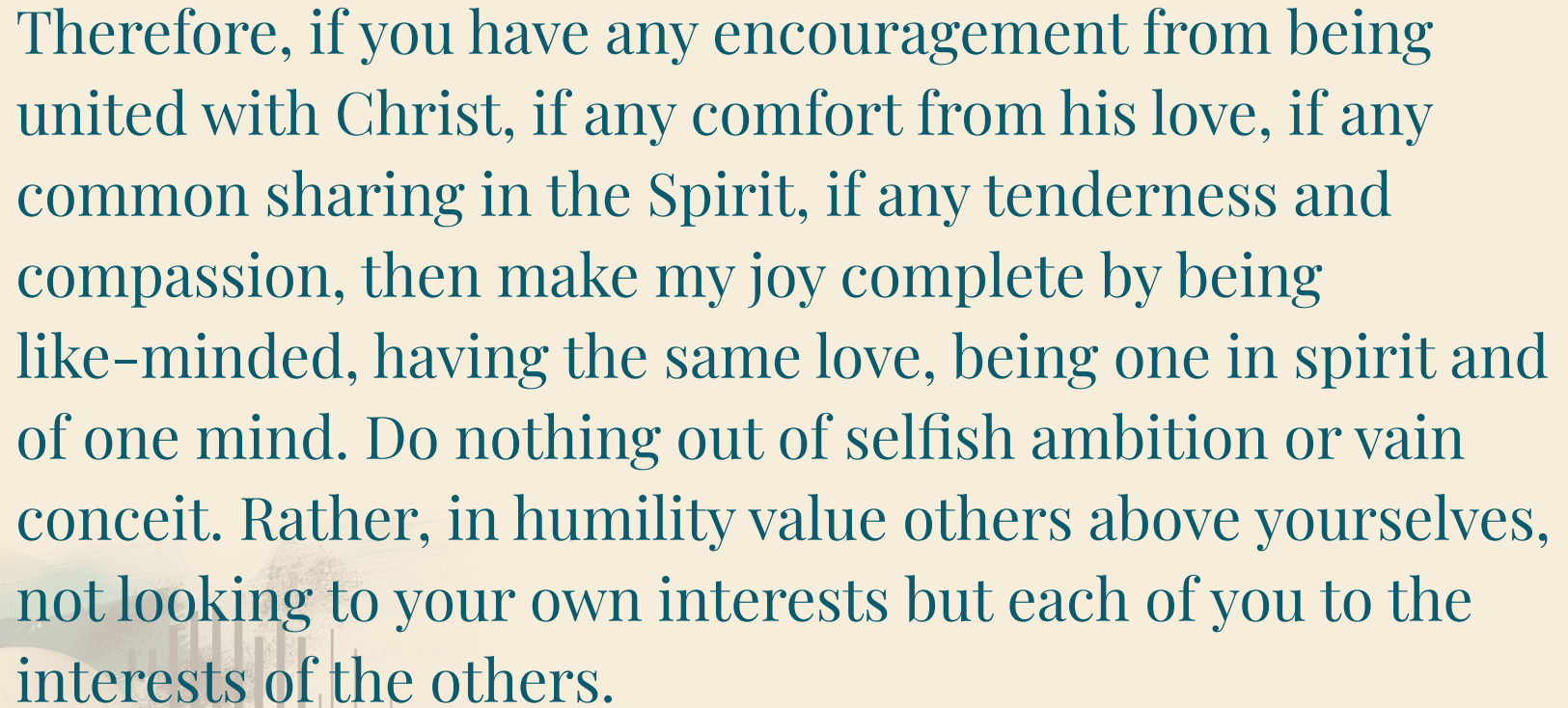






SO WHAT'S THE POINT?

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Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:5-8





Jesus said, “I am the Road, the Truth, and the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. *From now on, you do know him. You’ve even seen him!*” John 14:16 (MSG)





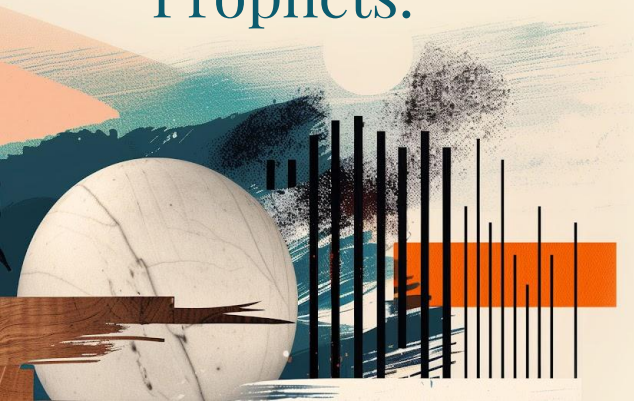
What is God Like?

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since *love comes from God*. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because *God is love*—so you can't know him if you don't love. *This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him*. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice *to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God*.

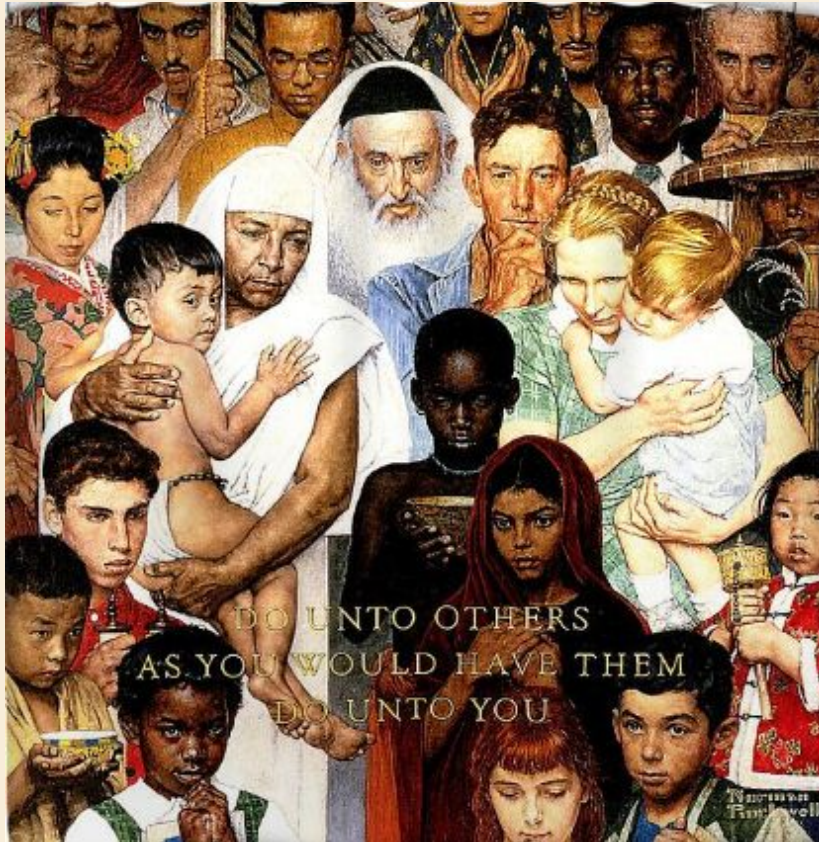
1 John 4:9-10 (MSG)

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

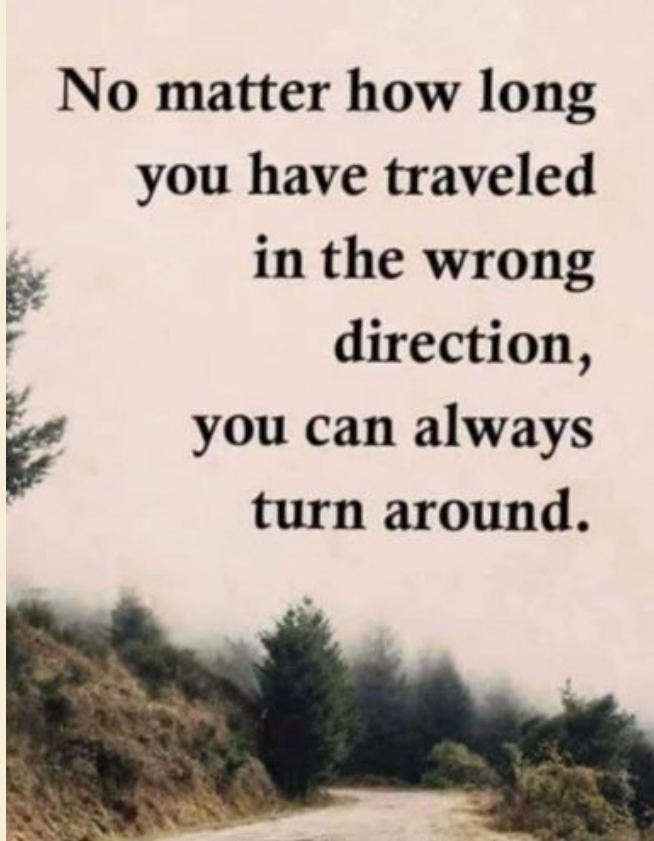


Ethical Living and Righteousness



The Necessity of Repentance and Belief

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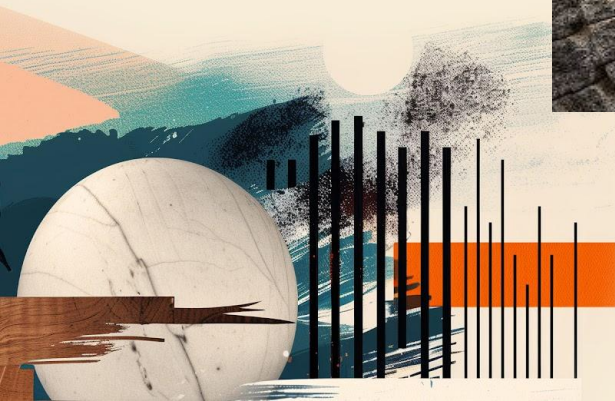


Do I hear you professing to believe in the one and only God, but then observe you complacently sitting back as if you had done something wonderful? That's just great. Demons do that, but what good does it do them? Use your heads! Do you suppose for a minute that you can separate your faith from your actions?

James 2:19



The Kingdom of God is In Your Midst.



Jesus, grilled by the Pharisees on when the kingdom of God would come, answered, “The kingdom of God doesn’t come by counting the days on the calendar. Nor when someone says, ‘Look here!’ or, ‘There it is!’ And why? Because God’s kingdom is already among you.”

Luke 17:20–21 (MSG)



In Summary: Some Essential Teachings of Jesus Center On:

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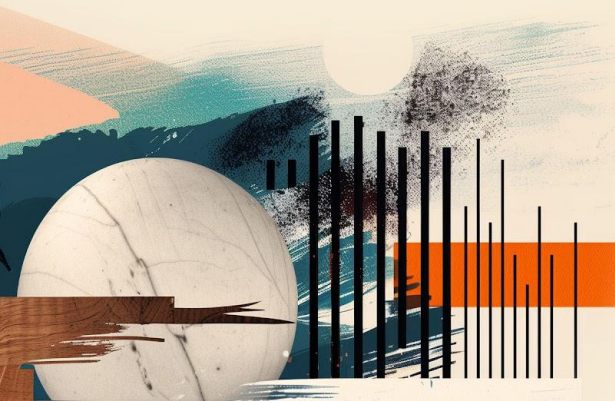
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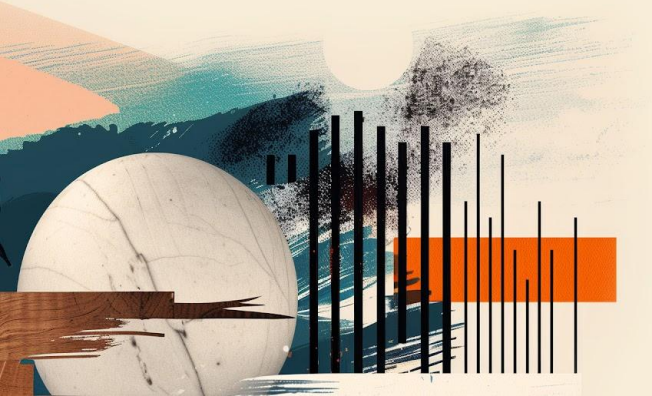
The Kingdom of God

is In Your Midst NOW!



"This is why it is said: 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'"

Ephesians 5:14





If you live in this world with kindness, if you do not add to other people's burdens, but if you try to serve love, when the time comes for you to make the journey [of death], you will receive a serenity, peace and a welcoming freedom that will enable you to go to the other world with great elegance, grace and acceptance.

~ John O'Donohue ~



This is what God asks of you;
only this:

To act justly,

To love tenderly; and

To walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

