

THE NEW NORMAL:

Today we not only disagree with one another, we seem to dislike one another simply because we disagree with one another. The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

Luke 7:34 NIV

Jesus used the table as a place to invite diversity.

Jesus used the table as a place to elevate dignity.

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 NIV

If we claim to love God, how can we not love those made in the image of God?

"If man is not in the image of God, nothing then stands in the way of inhumanity."

Francis Schaeffer

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

James 3:9,10 NIV

But go and learn what this means: 'I desire *steadfast love*, not sacrifice.'

Matthew 9:13

What we believe about people shapes how we see people, how we feel about people, and how we speak about people.

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

Luke 7:36 NIV

A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

Luke 7:37 NIV

As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

Luke 7:38 NIV

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

Luke 7:39 NIV

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

Luke 7:40 NIV

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?

Luke 7:44 NIV

Our faith isn't measured by being right. Our faith is measured by how we treat those we think are wrong.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. Luke 7:44 NIV

You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

Luke 7:45-46 NIV

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

Luke 7:47 NIV

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 7:48-50 NIV When we believe that everyone is created in the image of God, it requires us to show everyone the love of God.

Love changes who you see, what you hear, and ultimately how you treat your neighbors... all of them.

Everyone is someone God made.

Everyone is someone God loves.

Everyone is someone Jesus died for.