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Love Without Fences

Loving Our Neighbor, the Stranger, and the Hard-to-Love



Room for the Stranger

Hebrews 13:1-2

A painting depicting a group of people in traditional Middle Eastern attire, possibly a market scene. In the foreground, a woman in a patterned dress and headscarf holds a basket. To her right, a man in a dark robe holds a large basket filled with white, round objects, likely bread or fruit. Other people are visible in the background, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The scene is set outdoors with a bright, hazy background.

Israel Was Told to Remember

Leviticus 19:33-34

33 “When an alien resides with you in your land, **you must not _____ him.**

33 “When an alien resides with you in your land, **you must not oppress him.**

34 You will regard the alien who resides with you as the native-born among you. **You are to love him as _____, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.**

34 You will regard the alien who resides with you as the native-born among you. **You are to love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.**

18 Do not take revenge or bear a grudge against members of your community, but love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

**34 ... for you were aliens in
the land of Egypt; I am the
Lord your God.**

9 You must not oppress a resident alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be a resident alien because you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt.

18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving him food and clothing.

19 You are also to love the resident alien, since you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt.

The Church Has Inherited This Command

Hebrews 13:1



1 Let _____
continue.

1 Let brotherly love
continue.

2 **Don't neglect to show**
_____, for by doing this
some have welcomed
angels as guests without
knowing it.

2 Don't neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it.

2 Don't _____ to show
hospitality, ...

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9 **Be hospitable** to
one another without
complaining.

13 Share with the saints
in their needs; _____
hospitality.

13 Share with the saints
in their needs; pursue
hospitality.

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2 He looked up, and he saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, bowed to the ground,

4 Let a little water be brought, that you may wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree.

5 I will bring a bit of bread
so that you may
strengthen yourselves. ...

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent and said to Sarah, “Quick! Knead three measures of fine flour and make bread.”

7 Abraham ran to the herd and got a tender, choice calf. He gave it to a young man, who hurried to prepare it.

8 Then Abraham took curds and milk, as well as the calf that he had prepared, and set them before the men. He served them as they ate under the tree.

So, How Far Does it Go?

Galatians 6:10; 2 Corinthians 9:13



10 Therefore, as we have
opportunity, let us work for
the good of all, _____
**for those who belong to
the household of faith.**

10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:13

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13 Because of the proof provided by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedient confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them **and** _____.

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13 Because of the proof provided by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedient confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them **and with everyone**.

Now, the Harder Part

Matthew 5:44-45



44 But I tell you, **love your
_____ and pray for those
who persecute you,**

44 But I tell you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,**

47 And if you greet only
your brothers and sisters,
what are you doing out of
the ordinary? Don't even
the Gentiles do the same?

What This Looks Like Tomorrow

Titus 3:14



14 Let our people _____ **to devote themselves to good works** for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

14 Let our people learn to devote themselves to good works for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

Look to Jesus

Matthew 25:35



20 Jesus told him, "Foxes have dens, and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

35 " 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; **I was a _____ and you took me in;**

35 " 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; **I was a stranger and you took me in;**

29 But they urged him, "Stay with us, because it's almost evening, and now the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 It was as he reclined at the table with them that he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight.

12 At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world.

19 So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household,

As We Close...



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