Let's focus on things we have in common!

# WE ARE MILY

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(1 John 4:20,21)

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# Introduction

"We Are All Family" is a compilation of over forty writings on the subject of getting along better with each other.

On a personal level between friends and family, as well as on an international one between nations, instead of treating others like opponents, adversaries and enemies, we would do better by forging bonds of friendship and cooperation.

Only then will we reap mutual benefits, blessings and joy, and make for a better world and happier lives for us all.

#### WE ARE ALL FAMILY

People are mean. They look down on others who have less than them. They treat them with disdain, as undesirable.

But when we meet a person we should treat them like someone special.

We should treat every person as if he were the dearest person in the world. We should be kind to them. We should hold them close. We should treat each person as if they were a member of our family.

Because, they ARE!



#### A HAPPIER WORLD

Everywhere you look people are pressuring others.

Parents pressure their children to do what they want them to do. Children pressure their parents. Husbands pressure wives. Wives pressure their husbands. Governments pressure us all to do all kinds of things.

People everywhere are trying to make others do what they want. They sometimes do it with the excuse that it is for the other person's good. But this isn't always true.

Imagine how it would be if we all just stopped thinking of ourselves. Imagine how it would be if our only yardstick were the happiness of others.

It would be a happier world!



#### HONEST COMMUNICATION

There is little honest communication in the world today. There can never be real, sincere, and heartfelt communication as long as people are living in fear of each other.

As long as two people are afraid of telling each other how they feel because the other person will get offended or find fault, there can't be any real communication.

We can't cultivate anything good if the other person gets mad at us for being honest or insists on questioning our motives and misinterpreting our words.

We live in an internet world where we are overwhelmed by the sheer number and abundance of things in it. Yet we are all so woefully lacking in communication skills.

Only love can create good things. Only God can show you how to have that kind of love.

Ask Him to, and, above all, ask Him for patience!

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#### STOP ARGUING!

People are getting so contentious! You see people on TV supposedly discussing an issue or problem. But all they do is argue.

Each one expounds their point of view while hardly even listening to the other. They then walk away only more convinced that they are right, and the other wrong. It seems like the more educated they are the more they are set in their beliefs.

All of this fighting is getting us nowhere. We need to stop seeing each other as adversaries and build upon the things we have in common. Only then will we be able to solve our problems, and find the peace we all want and deserve.



#### **ALL BE HAPPIER**

Everywhere you look people are arguing. On television, in the press, people everywhere are at odds with each other. They argue about everything imaginable and it doesn't seem to get them anywhere.

They only walk away more convinced that they are right and the other wrong. Don't fall into their trap!

Let's be more collaborative, more supportive of each other, and most of all more respectful. Let's make an effort to focus on the points we have in common. Let's be kinder in our dealings with others.

We will all be happier!

"Follow after the things that make for peace." (Romans 14:19)



# **WOULDN'T IT BE NICE?**

Wouldn't it be nice if we all worked together for a better and happier life for us all?

Wouldn't it be nice if people gossiped less? Wouldn't it be nice if we took ourselves less seriously and had more fun?

What we do ripples out to those around us. The things we do, our attitudes, and our spirits affect the people in our lives, the people we come into contact with throughout our day.

We can have a happier world, a safer world. Wouldn't that be nice?



# **SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS**

We need to all treat each other with more dignity and respect. That alone would make for a better world, people would be a lot happier, and that would solve about half of our problems.



# THE HEART OF MAN

When you travel, you quickly realize that people the world over are all pretty much the same.

We all share the same cares, the same ambitions, the same hopes for our children, and the same dreams.

The heart of man is the same the world over. People everywhere are seeking love. They are seeking warmth and understanding. They want peace. And they want their basic needs met.

Are they really asking too much?



#### **GET ALONG**

We are used to hearing about fights, problems and wars. That's all we hear about.

We are used to problems at home, problems at work, problems with those around us. We have accepted these things as "normal".

We have become numbed, hardened of hearing and indifferent to the needs of others. We are all miserable, lonely, and sad.

We spend huge amounts of money on things that are not important. For so many people, education is geared toward making more money. We need to wake up.

We need to learn to all get along!



#### A MAJOR CHANGE

Many years ago man dug long, narrow grooves in the sand into which he poured molten iron. He then "sharpened" the edges of the cooled metal with rough stones he found nearby. Thus the first knives were made. And man has been killing his fellow man with them ever since.

Today, many years later, we continue to see each other as adversaries and enemies. We certainly haven't learned much.

Things will only get worse unless we have a major change in mindset and attitude.

"They that live by the sword shall die by the sword. But the meek shall inherit the Earth." (Matthew 26:52; 5:5)



# THE ROCK TUMBLER

It seems like this life may be the place where we are to work out our frustrations, and find inner peace.

Like it or not, in this life our rough chips are knocked off. All the rough spots are polished. We seem destined to conflict, misunderstanding, and abuse.

But in the end we are supposed to come out better, smoother. We are not to resist life's breakings but rather let them make of us a better person.



#### LIKE FAMILY

We live in a world where war is permissible, greed is acceptable, and stress inescapable.

Materialism is the universal religion. Sports is the most widespread distraction. Fear is the biggest deterrent, and unhappiness is on the rise.

Let's all make an effort to slow down, settle down, and start treating each other like family. That's where we have to begin.

As of right now, let's start treating each other like family!



# **THE KEY**

Acceptance, unconditional acceptance, is the soil upon which good things can be cultivated in a relationship.

Two people can't build anything in an atmosphere of fear, suspicion, or distrust. Accusations and insults don't work. Neither does bringing up the past.

If you want to mend bridges with a loved one and have something beautiful, BOTH of you will have to remember these things and you will have to practice them.

Love solves all problems. And acceptance is the key. Try it!



## **WILL YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?**

They say, "The only sure way of getting rid of an enemy is by making him your friend!"

Imagine if everyone believed and practiced that.

Let's just imagine what the world would be like if instead of spending such vast sums of money to protect ourselves from each other, we spent it on helping each other, on making life easier for each other.

Imagine more parks, museums, concerts, and leisure time. Imagine food and shelter for all, education, amusement, and fun.

The real challenge is to stop treating others like enemies and to start treating each other like neighbors.

Mr. Rogers sure had that RIGHT!



#### WHAT DO YOU SEE?

We each, individually, choose how we see things. We choose to see things in a loving context and try to relate to people and agree with them, or we find fault, take offense, disagree with something and even sometimes demonize the person who did it or said it.

In general we tend to see either good or bad. What we see depends a lot on what we are looking for. We can actually sometimes bring out the good or the bad in someone, just by how we treat them and interact with them.

What are YOU looking for?



#### WE DO!

We are all members of one race: the human race. We are all children of the same God: the God of love. And it's about time we all started acting like it.

We need to stop being self righteous and arrogant. We need to stop being so greedy. We need to stop fighting among ourselves like spoiled little children.

We need to start looking at each other through eyes of compassion. We need to start making kindness our yardstick. We need to keep each other in remembrance of these things.

WE DO!

"If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother he is a liar. And this commandment we have from Him: That he who loveth God love his brother also." (1 John 4:20,21)



#### A FRIEND INDEED

Have you noticed how friendships are becoming increasingly more disposable these days? I think people used to value their friends more.

Some people will end a perfectly good friendship over the slightest misunderstanding. It's incredible!

A real friendship stands the test of time. Someone once said, "A friend doesn't love you BECAUSE... A friend loves you IN SPITE OF." A real friend will stick by you no matter what.

To have a real friend, you must first be the kind of friend that *you* want to have: A friend that is always there for you. That's a friendship that stands the test of time!



#### **MOVE FORWARD**

Some people are seeking justice for things done years ago. Some are holding on to grudges and the offenses of past generations.

We can't undo the past. We can't undo past wrongs, past injuries and past injustices. We can't undo things done, words spoken or opportunities lost.

Dwelling on the past will ultimately get us nowhere. But we can forge a better future. We need to let go, move forward and be positive TODAY!

"In His presence is fullness of life. At His right hand are pleasures evermore." (Psalms 16:11)



#### LISTEN!

How much do you really show interest in the people in your life? How often do you take the time to just really show that person you care?

Make the effort and make them happy... By LISTENING!

"A wise man will hear and will increase learning." (Proverbs 1:5)



#### IT'S OUR CHOICE

We get upset with someone. We get frustrated with someone. We get tense.

We get mad at someone. We get back at someone. We get in a rage.

We shame someone. We get indignant at them.

But we get nowhere. We don't change anything. We ultimately only hurt ourselves. We hurt our health. We hurt our happiness and we hurt the happiness of those around us.

Only WE CHOOSE... how we react to things!



#### YOU DO THE RIGHT THING

We tend to blame those closest to us. We get lazy. We tell ourselves it's too much work to change. It's too hard. Or we try for a while, but then get tired and give up.

We expect others to do things differently. We see their faults and want them to change. That's not going to happen.

If you are waiting for everyone else to *do* the right thing, to *be* the right thing, you are woefully mistaken. If you are waiting for the whole world to change for you, YOU need to wake up.



#### FREE FROM BITTERNESS

Some people hold grudges over petty things. And they hold them for years!

They seem to think they will accomplish something by doing so. But that's not true.

Holding on to a grudge is actually pride and self-righteousness. You feel you were treated wrong. You deserve better. You are not like the other guy. You are "superior"!

But grudges and bitterness, no matter how we paint them, can never bring us any good.

Someone once said, "Bitterness only hurts the vessel in which it is stored." We get nowhere by holding grudges.

God wants to help you. God can set you free from the things that hold you down.

But you've got to ASK HIM TO!

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice." (Ephesians 4:31)



#### SIMPLE!

If you're spending more time talking about the problem than you spend talking about the solution you're probably complaining.

If you talk more about the faults of others and their mistakes you're probably a pretty unhappy person. Happiness comes from being positive, constructive, and loving.

It's as simple as that!



## IF

If the person you loved the most in this world died this second, what would you wish you had said or done while they were still alive?

Think about this question. Answer it. Go and DO it.

Now!



#### **HOME**

Home is a place where you feel unconditionally accepted. Home is a place where you can be yourself, a place where you can be real.

Home is a place where you don't have to prove anything, to anyone. Home is a place where everyone knows the real you, but loves you anyway. Home is where you feel loved.

What a better world it would be if we made each other feel more at home.



#### **OLD FRIENDS**

A lot of people are living in the past when it comes to relationships. They think they know someone that maybe they haven't even seen for years. We sometimes visit a family member or friend who we haven't seen for some time and we hold on to our old opinion of them.

But times change, and we all change over the years. We form new opinions, discover new things, and forget some others. Our tastes change, we see things differently as we experience new things, and grow older, wiser.

So, the next time you run into an old friend, someone that was once dear to you, be open to rediscovering that friend, getting to know them again.

You may be surprised to see that things you didn't like about them in the past are no longer reality. You may be wonderfully surprised to see how they have changed...

And you may discover that *you* have changed a little bit yourself also along the way!



#### **ALL LIES!**

It's a lie that we have to be greedy and selfish to get ahead. It's a lie that we have to be "tough" and unforgiving.

It's a lie when we feel holy and better than others. It's a lie when we tell ourselves that we need war to settle the score.

We need to stop believing LIES!

We need to start feeling *ashamed* of the way we treat each other.



#### STARVING FOR "SOFT"

People are so hard on each other. They call it being "tough".

"Tough", is now "cool". At least that is what television wants us all to believe. Of course they market it as something more acceptable: "Don't let people push you around."

The world is starving for "softer".

A smile, a truly listening ear, or a gentle touch go a long, long way.



#### RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS

Many people have problems with their mate, their children, parents, co-workers, or neighbors. They are desperate to find a solution to situations that can sometimes be quite complicated.

With the complex dynamics of relationships these days, things are seldom simple and clear cut. There is almost never just one easy answer. But that's no reason to give up on someone you love.

If you seek Him, God will show you what He wants you to do. God will show you day by day how He wants you to handle your situation.

If you are faithful to pray for your loved ones, read God's Word, and follow His guidance daily, God will have His highest will in your lives, and work out your personal problems.

What more can you wish for than that!

"The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." (Proverbs 4:18)



#### **GROWING IN LOVE**

Some people say that being loving to others doesn't work in this world. Well, with that attitude they guarantee that it will not work for them!

Because it is the very act of giving love that generates more love. The more you give, the more it will grow and the more you will receive back in return.

So, if you want more love in your life, start by giving more to others in the way of patience, tolerance and forgiveness.

Love begets love.



#### **KNOWN BY LOVE**

God never forces anyone; God leads. God never rubs in our mistakes; God shows mercy. God doesn't condemn; God encourages.

God doesn't hold grudges; God forgives and forgets. God is always there waiting. Always ready to inspire. Always ready to help.

God is known by His unconditional LOVE. We should be known for our love also!

"Let each esteem others better than themselves." (Philippians 2:3)



#### TO FORGIVE IS TO FORGET

Sometimes a person will say they forgive you for something, but you know they haven't really. You know they still harbor resentfulness or hurt feelings. They haven't let it go.

You can't say you have forgiven someone, but you still remember their mistake. We haven't really forgiven someone if we keep remembering what they did to us. When we don't forgive from our heart, we remain bound.

When we truly forgive and not only forgive but also leave it behind, we set ourselves free from the bondage of bitterness.

Ultimately forgiveness helps us more than them.

"He blotteth out our sins. He remembereth them no more." (Isaiah 43:25)



#### THROW 'EM OUT?

We drink a soft drink and throw away the can. We eat a candy bar and throw away the wrapper. We throw away an old toothbrush. We get rid of old shoes. We no longer want last year's phone or our older model car.

Yesterday's treasures have become today's trash. Disposable silverware, plates, glasses and cups, disposable bottles, bags, boxes, and stuff that we no longer need or want or can use. Toilet paper and razors, motor oil and gloves... The list is endless of things we throw away.

People end a relationship over some little misunderstanding. They disown a friend over a small difference of opinion, or sometimes even for a few dollars!

People are not supposed to be disposable. Friends, friendships, people, and relationships are the most important things in God's eyes.

The day will come when we will all meet again face to face in God's presence.

Including those we despised.



#### **TAKE THE PLUNGE**

Communication is everything.

People today are starving for real, deep, and heartfelt communication.

Fear has a grip on some people and keeps many from opening up.

But where there is love there is no fear, because fear and love cannot reside in the same place at the same time.

Make an effort to talk with your mate, your child, your friend. Make yourself vulnerable and communicate from your heart.

Take the plunge.

And you will inspire others to do the same!

"To do good and communicate forget not." (Hebrews 13:16)



#### **WATCH OUT!**

It's so silly to hold grudges.

Some people hold grudges for years. It's ridiculous. Bitterness will get you nowhere. The past is past. And dwelling on the past will only rob you of the joy of today.

Bitterness destroys you more than anyone else, because it pumps its poison into your body as well as your soul.

The only way out of the dead end of bitterness is to start counting your blessings and be grateful for what you have.

So, stop your whining! Stop feeling sorry for yourself and pretending to be the victim.

God hates murmuring! If you complain long enough, He may really give you something to whine about.

You better watch out!

"Do all things without murmurings." (Philippians 2:14)

#### **STAYING POSITIVE**

No matter how much we try to understand the world today, we will never be able to figure it all out, as there are so many problems. Life has gotten so complex that it is mind boggling.

None of us really know what's "right". We don't know "who" is right. But we know what we should do with our time here on this earth. And that is, to be a blessing, as much as possible, to as many as possible.

I find happiness in staying busy doing something positive, and not dwelling on all of the negative things going on in the world today.

It works for me!



#### **SHOW APPRECIATION**

We all like to feel special. We all like to feel appreciated.

It's really nice when someone appreciates our efforts. We feel good when someone notices the job we are doing, and the sacrifices we make. That encourages us to do an even better job.

So let's make the people we love feel special by showing them that we really appreciate them. Let's show them we care.

It doesn't take much to encourage someone. A word of encouragement goes such a long way...

And can really make someone's day!

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Matthew 7:12)



#### **ALL YOU CAN DO**

Some people don't change. They make no effort to improve themselves.

You have to accept these people as they are, and hopefully, by your example, over time, you will be able to have a positive influence on them.

That's about all you can do.



#### **EASY TO BE AROUND**

We have all known someone who is easy to be around. Someone who makes us feel accepted. Someone who makes us feel at home.

We have also all known people who judge us, criticize us and look down on us. Someone who tries to guilt trip us and force their beliefs on us.

Which of these two describes your personal experience with Christians?

Which of these two do you think God is like? Which one of these two are YOU like?



#### **SOMETHING BIGGER**

Let's all encourage people to be helpful and more loving to each other... and to reach for "something bigger"!



#### **FRIENDSHIP**

Friendship's a funny thing isn't it?

There are people that you just like from the start. And people who seem to like you.

And then there are others who no matter how hard you try, for some reason just won't let you be their friend. Why is that?

Maybe we aren't meant to be really close friends with just everybody. Maybe that's what makes friends so special, their uniqueness. A true friend will stand beside you no matter what.

Jesus is that kind of friend. He loves us, not for anything we have done, but because HE is the embodiment of love itself, the Spirit of the loving Creator of the universe.

God's love is the cement that binds friends and sustains a true friendship.

May we be loving, patient, and kind to those we love, and to those who love us...

TRUE friends.



#### **NEW LIFE, NEW FIRE**

Has your marriage grown stagnant?
Over time we take our blessings for granted.
It just seems to be human nature. But we should always remember to appreciate our mates.

Your mate is your ally, your best friend, and biggest fan. Your mate will stand by you, do anything for you, and never give up on you.

If you and your mate have drawn apart over the years, if your relationship has grown cold, ask God to help you rekindle it with the warmth of His love.

Start sharing from your hearts.

Love, prayer, and humility can bring new life and new fire into *any* relationship.



#### TO FORGIVE IS TO LOVE

Sometimes we are treated unjustly, and it's HARD to forgive. But when we realize that we need to be forgiven for many things, it makes it easier to forgive others.

Only God can give us love to forgive. Forgiveness isn't a weakness. Forgiveness is a sign of TRUE strength!

"Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)



#### **HOW DEEP!**

Aren't people interesting?

Some people are really active. They are always in motion. Others are laid back. Nothing seems to bother them.

Some people talk a lot. Others talk very little. Some have great ambitions. They are going places. And some are perfectly content where they are.

It's beautiful how different we all are. We can all learn something from everyone we meet.

Don't forget, we were all made in God's image.

Think about it: How deep is THAT!

"God has given each one of us different gifts, but they all come from His same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:4)



#### **EACH & EVERY**

Each and every time we treat another with love, respect and as our equal, we are contributing to a better world.

Each and every time we stop blaming others, we are contributing to a better world.

Everyone is interesting in their own way, and we can learn something from each and every person we meet.

We all need to learn to roll with the punches in a more dignified manner, and assume the responsibility for our actions and our lives.

We need to give more love and respect not only to others, but to ourselves also!



#### THEY DON'T LISTEN

Most people don't listen nowadays.

As you get older you try to share your wisdom, your experience with your children. But they don't listen either. They pretend to, but they really don't. And this can be frustrating.

It's natural to want to help them. But the things we consider useful and valuable, the things we have learned over the years, each new generation will have to learn for themselves.

We have to realize this and let them.

We need to pray for these we would help. We have to pray they will learn the lessons of life, hopefully without too much grief. We have to commit them to the Lord and remember that He loves them even more than we do.

We can't help them not make mistakes.

But as they say, "A wise man learns from his mistakes." Let's pray that our children do too!

<sup>&</sup>quot;The prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much." (Ja. 5:16)

#### **INDIVIDUAL PATHS**

Our beliefs change over time. No one should ever force another to move from one belief system into another.

Our beliefs are in a constant state of flux. They evolve as we go through life learning lessons of love and victory, as well as of disappointment and defeat. And we will carry our belief systems with us into the next life.

We need to be more accepting of each other as we journey along our individual paths.



#### **ANGER IS EASY!**

Anyone can get mad, get up in arms and fly into a fit of rage. And some people can get all bent out of shape over anything, and almost nothing!

But it takes guts to keep it together. It shows real worth to control yourself.

Now, we are not talking about the kind of self control where you are inwardly ready to explode any minute. Rather, it's about coming to a place in your life where you realize that nothing good has ever come out of those times you blew up and said something rash, or did something stupid.

You're smart when you realize that you ended up not changing anything, but only hurt people including yourself! It's not only smart, but it's also a lot better for your health and happiness.

So, why worry? Let's stop trying so hard to change things we cannot change.

God can set you free from anger. But you have to ask Him to!

"He that has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls." (Proverbs 25:28)



#### **GIVE GOD A CHANCE**

Do you have problems at home? Problems with your spouse, your mate, your child, or parent?

Here is something that may help. Something so simple, people underestimate its effectiveness.

Take a few minutes before you start your day to share a little something with that person you love. Sit down together and read one of our Reflections. Comment on what you just read. Then say a little prayer together before starting your day.

If you do this, you WILL grow closer to each other. You will start getting along better with that person.

Give God a chance to work in their lives. Give God a chance to work in yours. And He will, through this simple act of sharing together for a few minutes each day. Only God can heal your relationship.

God is the One who unites. God is the One who heals

But YOU have got to give God a CHANCE!

<sup>&</sup>quot;The family that prays together, stays together."

#### **ISN'T IT GREAT!**

No one makes coffee like my daughter.

My daughter hits the nail right on the head with the most perfect combination of coffee, milk and sugar. And she serves it to me at just the right temperature. A real treat.

And I can't seem to ever get it wrong when I make coffee for her, although every single time I make it different!

I play it by ear and vary something every time so as to create some variety, so I say. (Or might it be out of laziness?) No matter what I do, it seems I just never get it wrong, according to her. She always says I make the yummiest coffee!

So what's the lesson? I don't think there is a lesson here.

But isn't it GREAT to feel LOVED!?

"Ah, sweet mystery of life, at last I have found thee. At last I have found the reason for it all. 'Tis love, and love alone, the whole world yearns for. And 'tis love that bids them to heed Thy call." (Robert Burns)



#### "VIVE LA DIFFÉRENCE!"

Getting along with the opposite sex is not only challenging; it can be downright frustrating! And sometimes we may be tempted to give up trying.

Since the beginning of time men and women have had difficulty understanding each other, because we are different. God made us different.

And the problem comes when we insist on trying to make the opposite sex see things the way we do, when we expect them to be like us.

It would be boring to live in a world where men and women were all the same!

We are not supposed to try to be like each other. We are here to learn from each other, enjoy each other. That's the beauty of love.

As the French say... "Vive la différence"!

"Male and female created He them. A man shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh." (Genesis 1:27, 2:24)



#### **TIME TO LISTEN**

In the world we're living in, a lot of people are starving just for someone to talk to once in a while. And they are blown away when they see that you are willing to stop everything and show them you care enough to listen.

Do you want the key to every heart? Do you want the secret to winning people's favor? Stop trying to push your own agenda for a few minutes.

Stop trying to make people listen to you, and show some sincere interest in them. Give of yourself. Let them speak their piece.

If you truly want to hear what they have to say, and you listen with an open mind as well as an open heart, they will not only feel that someone showed them God's love that day...

But you may also actually learn something yourself!

"Let every man be swift to hear and slow to speak." (James 1:19)



#### **WE NEED TO STOP**

We are each different. We have all had different experiences, both good and bad. We have all been affected by our surroundings and influenced by the people in our lives.

We have all made mistakes. We have all unintentionally offended others. And we have all been treated unfairly.

We need to stop being so hard on people. We need to stop being so hard on ourselves. We need to be more tolerant and more understanding.

Above all, we need to be more forgiving!

"If you forgive not others their offenses, neither will your father which is in Heaven forgive yours." (Matthew 6:15)



#### **JUST IMAGINE**

Imagine... If people, instead of gossiping, spent that energy encouraging each other, how much happier we would all be.

Imagine... If people, instead of being greedy, were generous and helped each other, what a better life we would all have.

Imagine... If people, instead of criticizing each other prayed for each other, what a better world it would be.

Just imagine.



#### LIVING IN HARMONY

God always seems to bless people who live in peace with each other, people living in harmony, helping each other.

It takes an effort sometimes. It's not always easy, but there is real strength in harmony.

Life is hard enough as it is, but God blesses unity. That's why the devil attacks it so much. Let's try to get along better with those around us. Let's be positive and lift each other up. Let's make an effort to dwell on the things we have in common, things that unite us.

Let's strive for harmony.

"How good and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity." (Psalms 133:1)



#### **WE NEED EACH OTHER**

Sometimes it's hard to get along with people.

And some people can really be hard to get along with!

But it's the people who are in your life right now that God wants to use to teach you the things that He wants you to learn.

That's the main reason we are here on this earth: To learn to love.

And for this... we need each other!

"Let us love one another, for love is of God." (1 John 4:7)



#### A SIMPLE PRAYER

Lord, open my mind, open my heart and open my eyes that I may see the bigger picture, Your greater plan, and how I fit into it.

In Jesus' name, amen.



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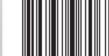
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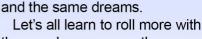
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