

## Welcome Home: Safe House

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*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness only Light can do that."*

- Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." **1 John 4:19-21**

*"The problem with the world is me."*

- G.K. Chesterton

#### - Caring House

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." **Romans 12:9-21**

*"What a sad era when it is easier to smash an atom than a prejudice."*

- Albert Einstein

#### - Jesus House

"This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did. Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister. lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone

who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.”

**1 John 2:5-11**

#### **- It's a Heart Issue**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” **Psalm 51:10**

#### **- It is a Home Issue**

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” **Proverbs 22:6 ESV**

#### **- It is a Church Issue**

*“Lord build our house in the way that honors you.”*

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” **Psalm 127:1**

#### **- It's a Nation Issue**

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” **Proverbs 14:34**

#### **Steps forward:**

1. Look in the Mirror- Take a Deeper Step Towards Jesus
2. Listen to a friend
3. Be the Church that Jesus is pleased to be in
4. Honor God by Honoring others better than yourself
5. Learn to be honest
6. Take steps towards reconciliation in the House of God. Because it must be a safe house
7. Take action to change Laws and live
8. Our soul does not have a color

#### **- Finally Home**

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.” **Revelation 7:9-11**

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." [Matthew 7:12](#)

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." [1 Corinthians 12:26](#)