Where love is, what can be wanting? Where it is not, what can possibly be profitable. st. Augustine

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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed.... Live in harmony with one another.... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.... If your enemies are hungry, feed them. Romans 12

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Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude, self-seeking or easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. It protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres. I Cor. 13

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Seek peace, and pursue it!

Psalm 34:14 and
1 Peter 3:11

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Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother and sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:24

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Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them. But not so with you. Rather, the greatest among you becomes like the youngest, the leader is one

Who serves." Luke 22:24-27
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I have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Isaiah 42:6.

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And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micab 6:8

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Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

James Baldwin

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You have heard that it was said, "love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:43-48

I am in the world to change the world.

Murial Rukeyser.

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Christianity stands or falls with its revolutionary protest against violence, arbitrariness and pride of power and with its plea for the weak. Christians are doing too little to make these points clear.... Christendom adjusts itself far too easily to the worship of power. Christians should give more offense, shock the world far more, than they are doing now.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pastor, youth worker, theologian, writer, anti-Nazi hero and martyr

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself and has **given us the ministry** of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:18-19

There should be no one on earth in whom we are not prepared to see, in mystery, the presence of Christ.

Thomas Merton

You have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself.

Romans 2:1

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven you. Clothe yourselves with love. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Colossians 3:12-15

It is not the religious act that makes the Christian, but participating in the suffering of God in the secular life...living unreservedly in life's duties and problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In so doing we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A basic fact of nonviolence is that it does not seek to defeat or humiliate ones opponents, but to win their friendship and understanding. It avoids not only external physical violence, but also internal violence of spirit. Nonviolent resisters not only refuse to shoot their opponents, they also refuse to hate them.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

There remains an experience of incomparable value... to see the great events of world history from below; from the perspective of the outcast, the suspects, the maltreated, the powerless, the oppressed, the reviled — in short, from the perspective of those who suffer... to look with new eyes on matters great and small. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, Letters and Papers from Prison

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. Do the thing which you think you cannot do. Eleanor Roosevelt

When we become serious about resisting violence and injustice, we find that change doesn't just happen by itself. It takes strategizing and planning and discipline. That's how change happens.

James Lawson, leader of Nashville student lunch counter sit-ins, 1960

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and worthy of praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8