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KNOWING THE  
GOD  
WHO MADE US

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**Galatians 5:1, 22-25**

**“My Other Self”**

And God said,  
*“This is  
supremely Good”*

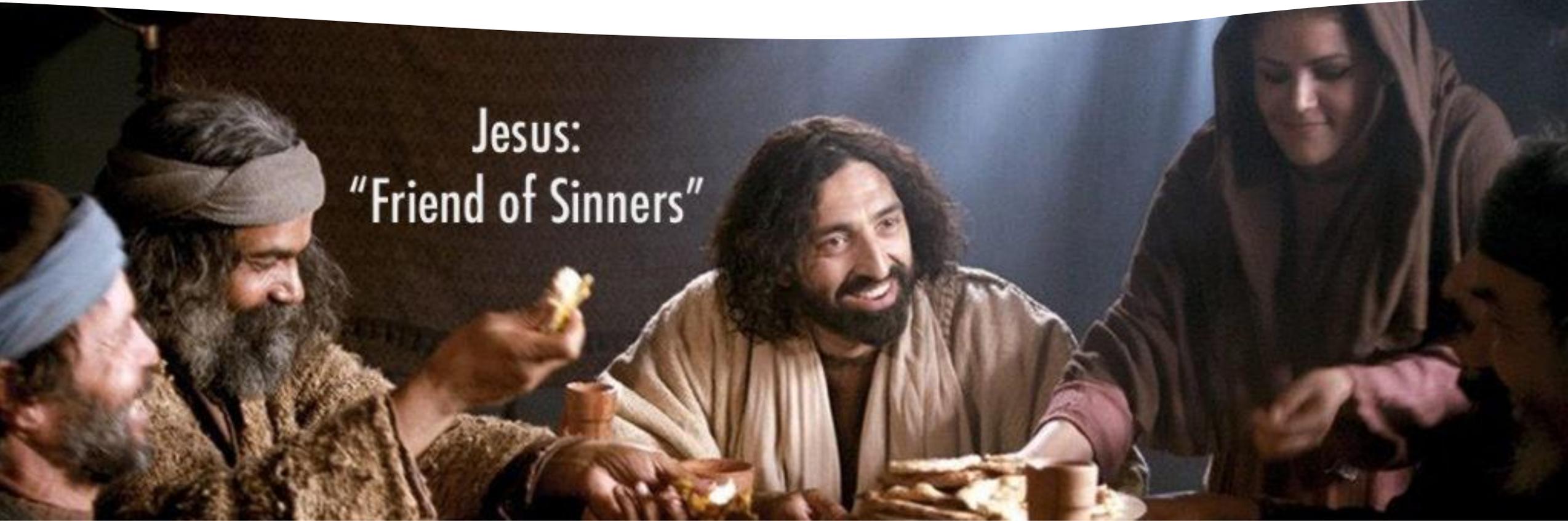
<sup>1</sup> Christ has set us free  
for freedom.

Therefore,  
stand firm  
and don't submit  
to the bondage of slavery again.

God created races, genders, animals,  
to keeps us in **diversity**.

**Freedom** is living in the “**Buffet**” of God's  
creation and finding joy in simply existing  
among the **variety**  
of peoples in God's **Kingdom**.

Jesus:  
“Friend of Sinners”



# Jesus

The Light of the World

Send your light and truth—those will guide me!  
Let them bring me to your holy mountain,  
to your dwelling place.

<sup>4</sup> Let me come to God's altar—  
let me come to God, my joy, my delight—  
then I will give you thanks with the lyre,  
God, my God!-- Psalm 43:3-4

## We often...

**think** the world wants a handout, **perhaps it wants hope.**

**think** others who disagree are enemies, **perhaps we're simply afraid.**

**think** we're in a battle against other ideas, **perhaps it's time to change.**

**think** we must defend the faith, **perhaps we should live our faith.**

**think** the world doesn't understand God's love, **perhaps we don't.**

**think** there's a lot of crazy out there, **perhaps we are missing God's point.**

***Picture the look of God's/Jesus face when the Church Leaders scolding him for being kind & helping the wrong people.***

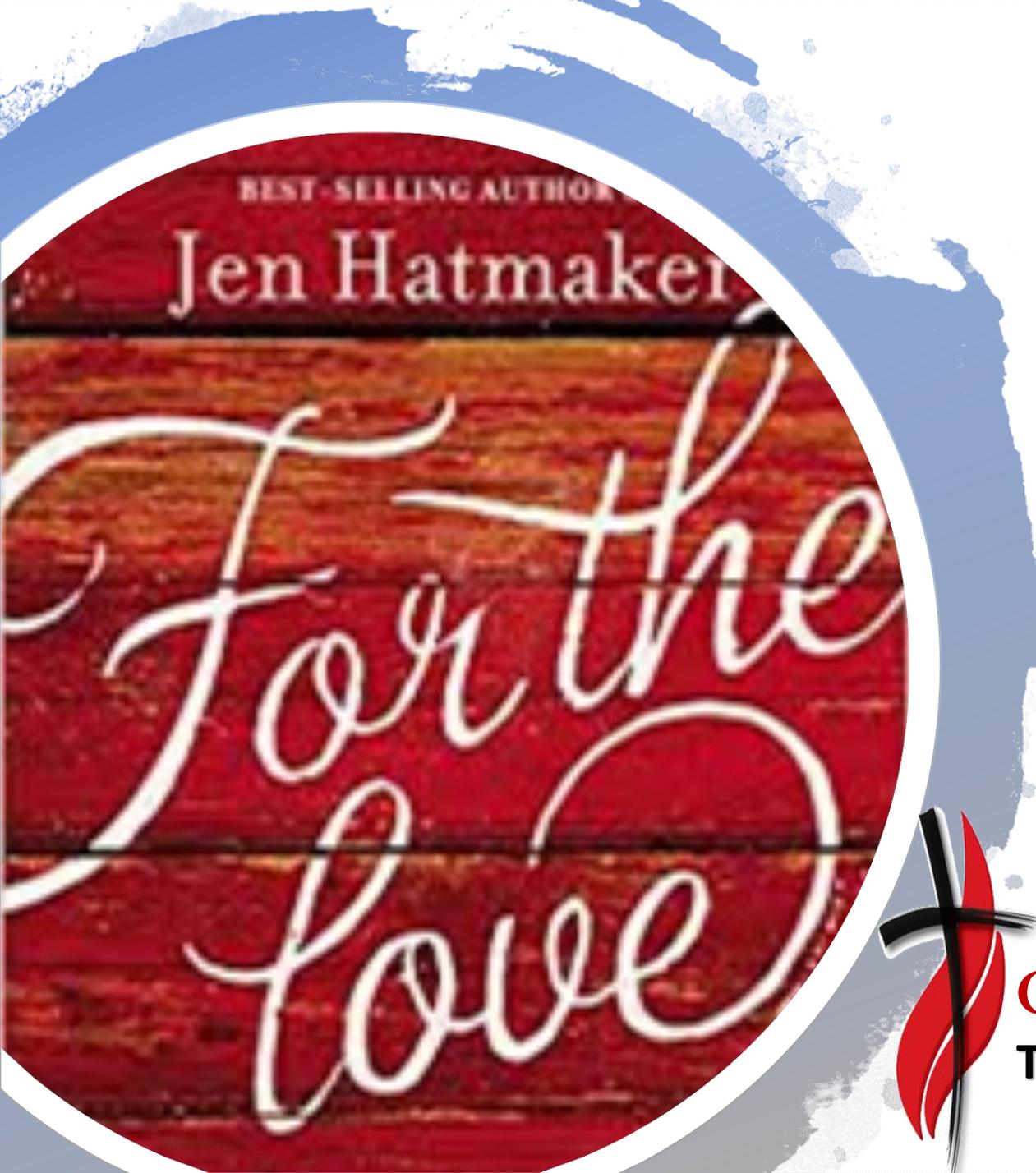
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“If I’m only willing to love the people who are nice to me, the ones who see things the way I do, and avoid all the rest, *it’s like reading every other page of the Bible and thinking I know what it says.*”

— Bob Goff, [Everybody, Always](#)

Go make disciples,  
make them family, wash them,  
teach them how to be me.--Jesus Christ, [The Great Commission](#)





*I seek only friends who bleed and sweat,  
and laugh and cry.*

*Don't fear you humanity,  
it's your best offering.*

Jen Hatmaker, [For The Love](#)

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## **Humanity need humans!**

*Where have you failed?*

*What do repent of daily?*

*Where do you hurt?*

*Where to you need...?*



**Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!**  
**The People of the United Methodist Church**

“we’ll be remembered for our love.

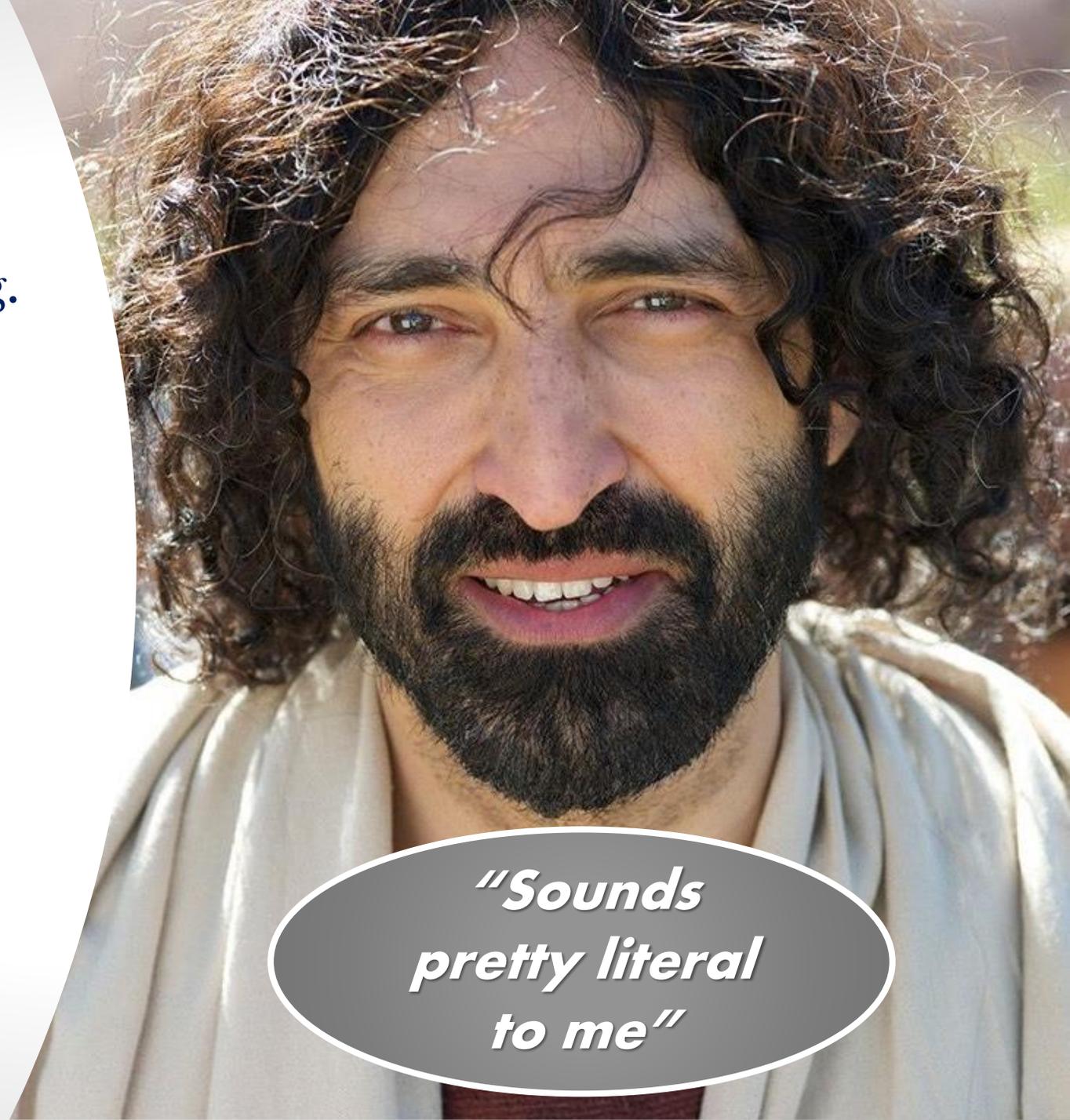
What I’ve learned following Jesus is we only really find our identities by engaging the people we’ve been avoiding.

Jesus wrapped up this concept in three simple and seemingly impossible ideas for us to follow: love God, love your neighbor, and love your enemies.”

— Bob Goff, [Everybody, Always](#)

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**The Greatest Commandment is to Love God and others as ourselves.**



*“Sounds pretty literal to me”*

People all around us are holding in their **Life-Stuff/Inner Turmoil**. Everything we hide or bury inside ourselves has power over us.

Buried, it is free to hinder you, grows in your imagination, and effects your future.

When we drag our **Life-Stuff/Darkness** in to the light, we say it out loud, we see that no one drops dead, people are standing at our side; then our **Life-Stuff** begins losing power.

**Grace** is bigger than our **Life-Stuff**.

Every person standing at our side as we continually reveal our **Life-Stuff** is **God incarnate**.



**Freedom is when our truth is revealed and we are not left alone.**



**It is now us!  
We are the incarnate Christ!  
We are God living a human life.**

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<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control.  
There is no law against things like this.

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**This is what Jesus Christ looks like.  
This is what God in us looks like.  
This is who we are.**

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit,  
let's follow the Spirit.

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## **A Follower of Jesus:**

**Walks in the Steps of Christ.**

**Reveals in our life the Heart of Christ.**

**Sees with the Eyes of Christ.**

**Touches as the Hands of Christ.**

**Loves with the Graceful, Forgiving  
Love of Christ.**

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***Why does humanity make the  
simple almost impossible?***

