



*Darkness cannot drive out darkness,
only light can do that. Hate cannot
drive out hate, only love can do that.*

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

DEVOTION:

Romans 15:7

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Instead of being divided by “left” and “right,” what if we looked at the world in terms of “lost” and “found”?

So often, people get caught up in who voted for whom—as if a person’s political preference determines their worth or whether we should love them. Can we be honest? That’s not only exhausting—it’s missing the point. Presidents will come and go, but our mission as followers of Christ stays the same.

We call ourselves Christians, but sometimes our actions don’t reflect Christ. And yes, we’re human. We all fall short and miss the mark. But we can’t let politics divide what Jesus died to unite.

We are labeled “Democrats” or “Republicans,” but God calls us sons and daughters. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. That’s what should define us.

God welcomes **EVERYONE!** That’s why this church chose not to break away from the UMC—because we believe the doors of God’s house should be **open to all**. The Church is the bride of Christ—it’s not our personal house to regulate as we see fit. It’s His.

If we want to reach new people, new generations, and new hearts—we have to let go of bitterness and embrace the love that Jesus modeled.

God made each of us unique. He gave us different minds, voices, and journeys—and still calls us to love one another.

You *can* love someone who sees the world differently. In fact, Jesus commands it.

With a huge heart,
–Jasmine