scriptures

RESTORING DIGNITY WHERE IT'S BEEN LOST

not so small talk

GENESIS 1:27

so God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

but you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, his own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

then peter began to speak: "i now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

but, as it is written, "what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

1 CORINTHIANS 12:26

if one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

he has told you, o man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

ISAIAH 1:17

learn to do right; seek justice. defend the oppressed. take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

JEREMIAH 22:16

he defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. is that not what it means to know Me, declares the Lord?

Colossians 3:17

and whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...

Matthew 5:9

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

journal exercise HONORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN OURSELVES & OTHERS

growing in understanding

sometimes you end up in situations where you catch yourself thinking, "this feels very familiar." these are pivotal moments where it's essential to do some selfreflection and to be honest with yourself. there are valuable lessons to be learned from reoccurring situations. if you don't acknowledge and learn from them, you will continue to revisit them - in different places and with other people.

1. take time to think about your view of race relations nationally and globally.

- this makes me feel...
- i notice myself typically thinking...
- what i tend to say/do is...
- this is/isn't benefiting me because...
- 2. what could God be trying to teach me?

as you continue to evolve and expand into unfamiliar spaces, cling to God and lean into his community. whether your battle is internal or visible, know that you are not alone in this transformation process. we are evolving together. thank you for being a part of this community.

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