

Let Love Be Victorious

by Basilea Schlink

By letting love be victorious, we can take part in God's kingdom and reflect Jesus' perfect nature.

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Scripture: Matthew 5:48, Matthew 10:24, Matthew 18:15, Matthew 22:39, Romans 12:20, James 1:5, 1 Peter 3:9

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Description

In this sermon, Basilia Schlink emphasizes the importance of love and reconciliation in building God's kingdom. He encourages listeners to not be estranged from anyone and to actively seek reconciliation with those they have conflicts with. Schlink advises praying about conflicts and humbling oneself before God to learn forgiveness and love. He also suggests self-examination and genuine repentance as ways to address conflicts and seek wisdom from God on how to proceed.

Transcript

God lives and works today. Yes, he is at work building his kingdom. We can take part in this by doing one simple thing, by letting love be victorious.

Today's meditation by Basilia Schlink will give us some helpful tips about how to do it. Be reconciled. Don't be estranged from anyone.

Go to the person who bears a grudge against you, or against whom you bear a grudge, and let love be victorious. Then the kingdom of heaven will begin. Your likeness prayed on me, Jesus my master.

Let men see you in me and give you honor. Your likeness prayed on me, your perfect nature. So will my nature be, by love made perfect.

Of course I want to get along with everyone, but I just can't work together with Jane. Others say that I am in the wrong, but I can't see why. What should I do? From my own experience I would say, without trying to justify yourself or make excuses, pray for the spirit of truth and ask to be convicted of your sin.

If after a thorough self-examination you still don't see that you're in the wrong, ask God for wisdom as to whether you should try to straighten the matter out or let it rest. Well, in regards to my problem with Jane, I did ask for forgiveness, but the atmosphere hasn't changed. Ask yourself whether your humility was genuine, and whether your repentance was deep enough.

Perhaps you just couldn't stand any discord, and therefore tried to reinstate the normal atmosphere as quickly as possible. Don't avoid conflict. Pray about it.

Sometimes God hardens another person's heart so that you have to humble yourself more and more beneath God's hand, and learn to wait until the other forgives you, so that you can practice forgiving and loving. Tell yourself, it's necessary for me. Then God will give you a wonderful gift, love for your enemies, and the image of Jesus will be born in you.

If despite years of prayer and of blessing your neighbor, there is still no inner unity, then be comforted by Jesus, saying, The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his Lord. Give me the grace of loving ceaselessly, Loving away all that men do to me. Give me your love that stays friendly, kind, and calm, Quietly enduring all evil, hurt, and harm.

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