

# My Life in SW Detroit



# Living in Deeply Divided Times





# 1st: Love God, Love Fellow Human Being Luke 10:25-28

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” <sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

# Love God and Love Fellow Human Being

- With all of our hearts
- With all of our souls
- With all of our strength
- With all of our mind
- Love neighbor or fellow human being

*Plesion* = person closest to one, a peer  
neighbor, **fellow human being**

# Loving those not like us

## Leviticus 19:33-34

<sup>33</sup> “ ‘When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. <sup>34</sup> The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.



# No favoritism

## James 2:1, 8-9

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

<sup>8</sup> If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. <sup>9</sup> But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

## 2nd: Love Values the Truth 1 Corinthians 13:6

<sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.





# Run from myths, false stories

1 Tim 4:7

<sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.





# Jesus' Prayer for Believers

## John 17:15-18

<sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

# 3rd: Love God's Nation



# God's Nation is Different

## John 18:36

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”





# Love differently than this world

## Luke 6:32-34

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

# Love differently than this world

## Luke 6:35-36

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

# Believers use different methods

## 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

<sup>3</sup> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.





# God's Nation's Weapons

## Philippians 2:2-4

<sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

# Basic Foundation Principles

- Love God
- Love fellow human being
- Love God's truth
- Love God's nation



# Seek renewing our minds

## Romans 12:2

<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.





# Commit to the Basics

