

Children's Message

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This week in the children's message they suggest that we talk about love. More specific, can you love people you really don't not like? Many times I find that the children's message can be just as helpful for us adults. This morning's topic falls into that category. The short answer to the question is that when we approach all things with Godlike love only then will we be our kindest and best selves. So, yes it is possible. How one goes about this is delicate adventure.

Many times we formulate judgements about people from what others say or have told us. I have found it best to not do that. What I found to work the best is to formulate your judgement of people by how they treat you. Give them a chance to impress you. If they treat you badly then you have your answer. Then the best way to love that person is from a distance. Put some space between yourself and them. Do not give them a chance again to hurt you. You can still love them from a far. You are also respecting yourself by doing this also.

I have often wondered why we dislike the people. What is it about them that make me dislike them? There will be people we will meet in life that we will just not like. You may not know why you dislike them and they may have done nothing to you. All you know is that you do not like them. There are people out there like that. So what is a healthy response when I meet a person like this for the first time? These people are presenting chance for me to grow and to learn about myself. I ask myself why I dislike this person I just met. Is there something I see in them that I do like that I do not want in myself? Or do I see that trait already in myself and that makes me uncomfortable. It could be the style of their hair, what they are wearing, how they speak or act or where they are from. Scientists have said that when we meet people we scan their face and body. We do this to assess their balance and symmetry. This is all done subconsciously and we do not even know we are doing it. These are some of the most common reasons we do not like people when we first meet them. More likely we have too much in common with them. Maybe they reflect back to us the qualities we do not like in ourselves.

So ask ourselves why we dislike the people we do? This maybe a chance to grow and learn about ourselves and who we are. We can still love the people we dislike. Sometimes it means doing it from a distance. It is still love, just a little bit different. Everyone deserves to be loved. When we love those we dislike it gives us an understanding how God does it. He loves everyone, even the ones we dislike and those who dislike us. It is all in how we love.