WHAT'S THIS ABOUT JOY & FRUIT?

MAKE HUMMUS NOT WALLS

JOHN 15:9-17



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LOVE: IT'S WHAT WE DO



THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

"Christian love draws no distinction between one enemy and another, except that the more bitter our enemy's hatred, the greater his need of love. Be his enmity political or religious, he has nothing to expect from a follower of Jesus but unqualified love. In such love there is not inner discord between the private person and official capacity. In both we are disciples of Christ, or we are not Christians at all."

 \sim Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

JESUS KIND OF MENTIONS THIS TOO

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that."



THE WORLD = 57%

ARE EITHER CHRISTIAN OR MUSLIM



HUMAN NATURE VS. KINGDOM NATURE

We're tribal by nature.

We cling and flock together. Then our codes of behavior, even our religious ceremonies and habits **form walls**. And we need enemies.



CORNELIUS

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.



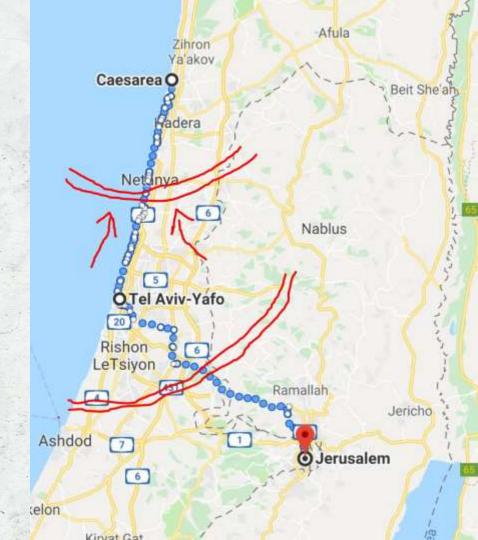
WHO WAS THE ROMAN CENTURION?

Who Was He?

- Unclean
- ☐ The Oppressor (cruel and godless)
- ☐ The Enemy
- Outside of the faith community

What is Jesus Doing?

- Jesus has not found anyone with as much faith in ALL of Israel! (v.10)
- Changing the rules for who is in and who is out



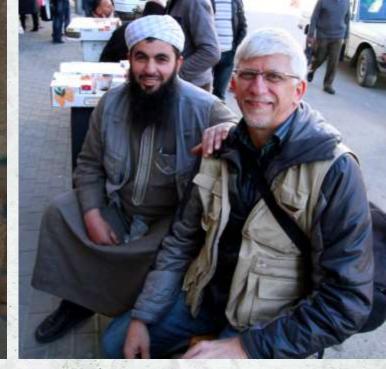




MY NEW FRIEND. JIHAD

Open invitation to visit in Najah





MY BEFORE & AFTER IN HEBRON

RELATIONSHIPS
OF TRUST THAT
CAN BEAR THE
WEIGHT OF
TRUTH



DO NOT CALL ANYTHING IMPURE THAT GOD MADE CLEAN (ACTS 11:9)





PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY SHALL
BE CALLED
CHILDREN OF GOD.

MATTHEW 5:3-4;9

THE CREATION WAITS IN EAGER EXPECTATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF GOD TO BE REVEALED.

ROMANS 8:19

