

In Zech. 8:16 we are told to: tell the truth, be fair. Live at peace with everyone. The Bible has very good words for us all to live by.

We do not know what others may have experienced in their lives. We may have ourselves been through some very hurtful things. Have we through our faith been able to overcome our hurts? How does praying for your enemies impact your life or do you focus on those closest to your way of thinking?

Do you see the pain in other's lives? Can you truly feel empathy for them? A smile and a kind word can make someone's day. Have you ever seen the expression on the face of your check-out person at a store change with a kind word from you? A smile can often encourage someone to smile back and maybe a friendly conversation will be begun.

The birth of Jesus is the truest example of our Heavenly Father empathizing with the pain of mankind. Jesus came to live among us and experience the pain of a fallen world. That empathy resulted in Jesus becoming a sin offering for us so that we could become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Jesus helps us get past the pain of life through the hope of abundant life, and as His ambassadors, we also help others gain a new view of hopefulness when we extend forgiveness and love.

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