



Love Is the Way

Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times

Bishop Michael Curry

OASIS Protocols for Breakout Rooms and General Discussion

Assign spokesperson/notetaker at beginning of breakout session

Ensure all participants have a chance to speak (if they want to speak)

Be respectful in considering and giving feedback to new or different views

When possible, a team member will be present in each breakout room to provide support

Looking for God

How Do I Find God's
Love?

There is a simple way to connect to the divine, anytime you feel like it.

“If God is love, and love is an action, you’ve only got to get out there and *do* it. You’ve got to get out there and *receive* it. And the easiest way to do that is to become part of a community of people who want to give and receive love, to liberate themselves from the tyranny of self to look outward. From a small gesture to a large sacrifice, every day provides an opportunity to do love.”

Community has been Bishop Curry’s conduit to the safe harbor of God’s love his whole life.

A Loving Community

- Resting in the loving hands of our church community, which is to say, God's hands.
- The power of that love is often mediated through the people who love us.
- It's people in our communities and that love that pull us through and keep us going when we don't have the strength.
- The love of God never ends. And if that is so, neither does life. Life is changed, not ended.

Breakout 1

How Do I
Find God's
Love?

- A faith community
- A family
- A sororal or fraternal organization
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Rituals of Comfort

God may be the source of love, but people are often the vessels.

It is the community of love we create for ourselves and for others—that's when God is there; that's where God shows up.

That's when we are resting in God's hands.

Rituals, practices, prayer and meditation.

Breakout 2

How can rituals
and practices
guide you
through those
challenging
times?

When have you put yourself out there and allowed yourself to receive love?

When have you rested in God's hands?

What rituals and practices work for you when you need to be comforted?

What other ways have you found comfort?

Share examples of this belief: "Love is all around us."



His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart feel lonely
and long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion,
A constant friend is he.
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know He watches over me.

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