



Love Is The Way

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Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times

Chapter 3

Making Do and Making New

Review of OASIS Protocols for Breakout Rooms and General Discussion

Assign spokesperson/note taker 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 may be present in each breakout room to provide support

AGAPE

[An inspiring message of love we could all use Bishop Michael Curry on Agape](#)

Greek word for love. A sacrificial love that seeks the well-being of others, of society, of the world.

Same word used to describe the love of God in the New Testament.

The love that Michael Curry writes about is agape: love that looks outward, it is an action with force and follow-through.

“I don’t do great things.
I do small things with great love.”

Mother Teresa

**John
13:34
NIV**

I give you a new command.
Love one another.
You must love one another,
just as I have loved you.

DailyPrayerguide.net – based on John 13:34

Bishop Curry's Recipe for "Making Do"

Tradition:

Proverbs are a way of passing on practical wisdom from generation to generation. Bishop Curry remembers his grandmother's phrase "**We made do.**"

Imagination:

In order to move through the "danger waters", we must be able to imagine potential in the ordinary now that will help us make a way to the other side. Just like Moses & Ruben "the Hurricane.

God:

There are times when we look around us and are overwhelmed by the waves of chaos washing over us. Our imagination for the potential in what we see may fail. Curry writes: "When God – that loving benevolence behind creation, whose judgment supersedes all else – is factored into the reality of life and living, something changes for the good." We can, with resilience, "hope against hope."

Breakout 1

Question for Groups

10 minutes

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- How do you find the energy to keep loving when the world seems to be going the other way?
 - What is your secret sauce for thriving through challenges?

Breakout 2

Questions for
Groups 1, 2, 3, etc.

10 minutes

Tradition – Group 1

What does “making do” mean to Bishop Curry? What proverbs from your family experience are filled with an abundance of practical wisdom?

Imagination – Group 2

What are our “danger waters” in daily life? Where do you see potential in the ordinary that could help us make our way to the other side?

God – Group 3

When you think of overwhelming waves of chaos, washing over you/us today, what short phrase could you take on as a mantra to remind you to “steal away to Jesus” when imagination fails?

Closing Prayer

Loving God, fill my heart with the love that you freely give.

Make love my first and last thoughts.

May I love others and freely give to them.

Make my spirit a spirit of joy, happiness, and love for both my friends and my enemies.

Help me to love abundantly as you have loved me. Amen