



THIS IS US. - LOVE

1 John 3:18 NLT

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

1. Choose Love Over Gossip.

1 Peter 4:8 NLT

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

A. Love says I want you better.

- i. See the work that God is doing and not the work the enemy did.
- ii. Look past their faults and see their future.

2. Choose Love Over Judgement.

Proverbs 10:12 NLT

Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses.

A. Socially Untouchable.

Leviticus 13:45-46 NLT

⁴⁵ "Those who suffer from a serious skin disease must tear their clothing and leave their hair uncombed. They must cover their mouth and call out, 'Unclean! Unclean!'" ⁴⁶ As long as the serious disease lasts, they will be ceremonially unclean. They must live in isolation in their place outside the camp.

Luke 5:12-13 NLT

¹² In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. "Lord," he said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."

¹³ Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

B. The Emotionally Untouchable.

Leviticus 15:19 NLT

"Whenever a woman has her menstrual period, she will be ceremonially unclean for seven days. Anyone who touches her during that time will be unclean until evening.

Luke 8:43-48 NLT

⁴³ A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. ⁴⁴ Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped. ⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you." ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me." ⁴⁷ When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him. The whole crowd heard her explain

why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed.⁴⁸ “Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

C. The **Spiritually** Untouchable.

Numbers 5:2-3 NLT

² “Command the people of Israel to remove from the camp anyone who has a skin disease or a discharge, or who has become ceremonially unclean by touching a dead person. ³ This command applies to men and women alike. Remove them so they will not defile the camp in which I live among them.”

Luke 8:53-54 NLT

⁵³ But the crowd laughed at him because they all knew she had died. ⁵⁴ Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, “My child, get up!”