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## Social

Why Our Brains Are Wired to Connect

Matthew D. Lieberman

#### How Many Close Friends Do You Have?

1985: *Three* 2004: *Zero* 





## Today's Message: Living Like Jesus (1 John 2)



1 John 2:3-6 (NIV) 3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4 Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

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### **High Calling**

1. "If you love me, keep my commands."

2. "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me."

3. "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching."

John 14:15, 21, 23



## What We Say

## (The Gap)

## What We Do

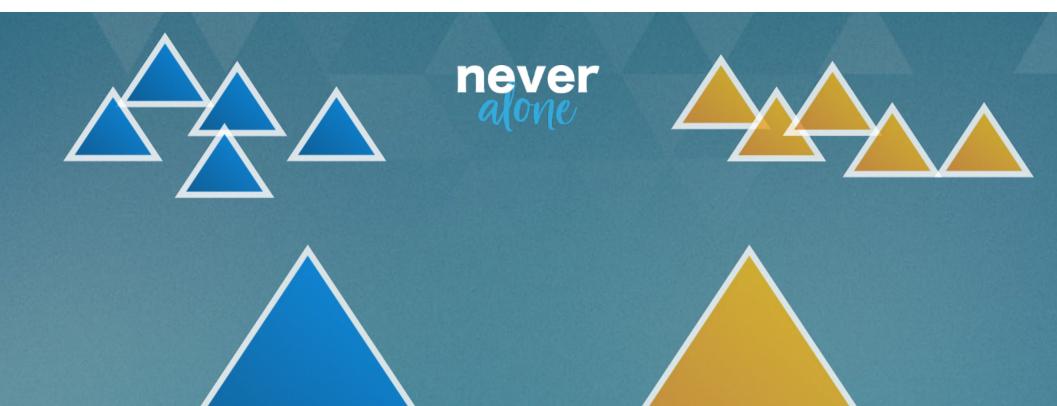
#### Faith





## What We Do

Changing Your Faith To Justify Your Actions



What We Say

What We Do

Changing Your Faith Or Actions to Conform to a Group



## What We Say

## Changing Your Actions In Light Of Your Faith

#### Talking The Talk vs. Walking the Walk

"The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked."

1 John 2:6 (CSB)





## The Goal of Discipleship is Learning to Live like Jesus.





## What We Say

#### (The Gap)

## What We Do

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## Person #1: Flawed, but Humble

Grateful for the Grace of God

1 John 1:9 (NIV) "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (Grace)

1 John 2:4 (NIV) Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. (Truth)

Person #2: Arrogant, Entitled

Contempt for the Grace of God

#### 1 John 2:7-8 (NIV)

"7 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. 8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining."

(Love One Another, John 13:34-35)

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#### 1 John 2:9-11 (NIV)

"9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. 10 Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. 11 But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them."



## "If your theology doesn't lead you to love people more, question your theology."



#### 100,000 Lumens = 125 Light Bulbs \$700 online

#### 1 John 2:15-17 (NIV) 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world-the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.



# Do Not Love the World?

## For God So Loved the World...

(Nearly 8 Billion People)

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## 1 John 2: Walk the Walk Love One Another Choose Jesus



## **Today in Shepherding Groups:** John 1:1-14 Jesus, the Light of the World

never alone **The Invitation:** What comes next in your journey with Jesus?

