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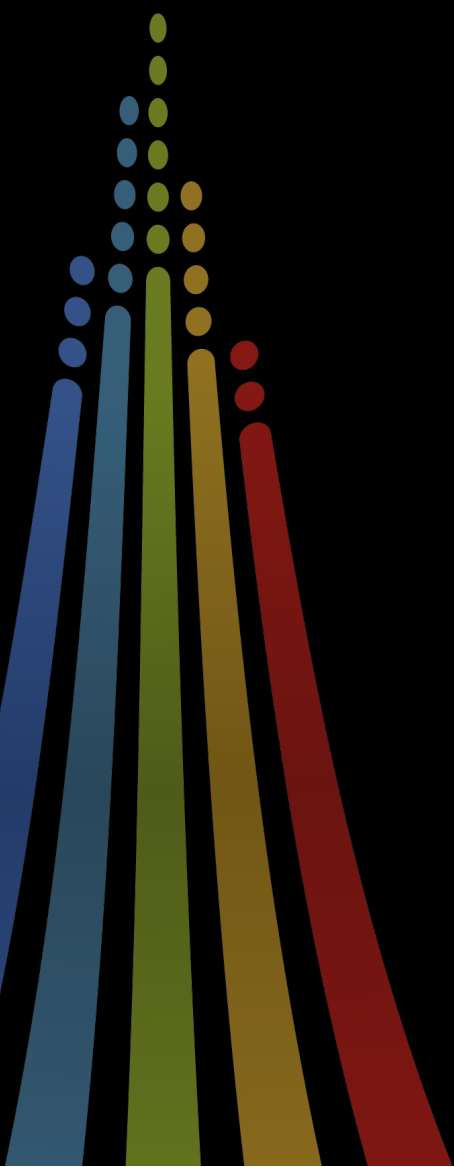


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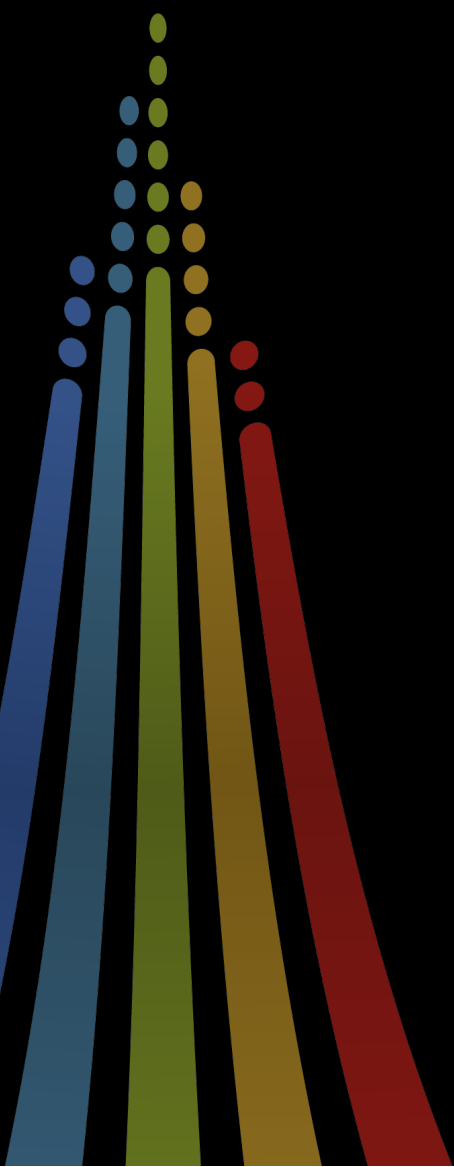
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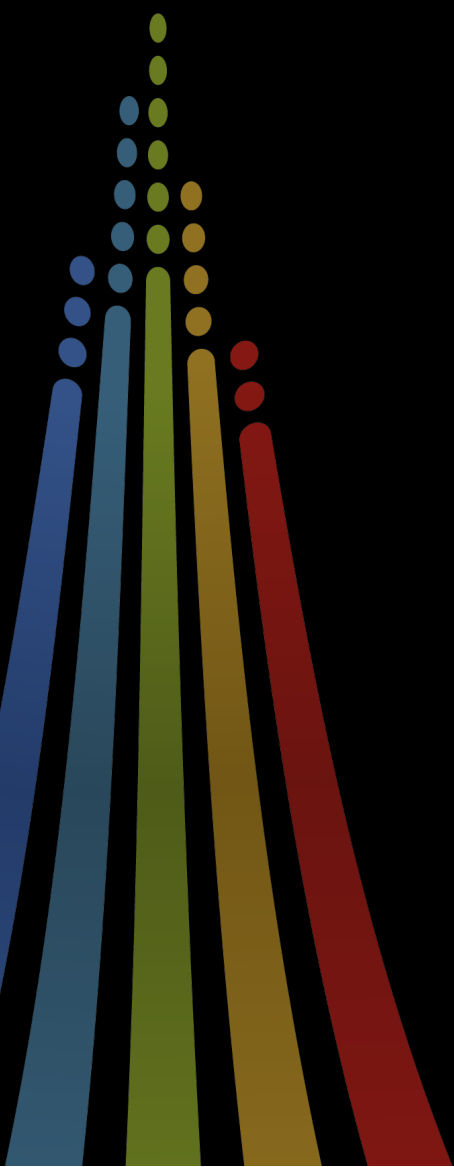
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²² the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness (*loyalty*), ²³
gentleness and self-control... ²⁵
Since we live by the Spirit, let us
keep in step with the Spirit.



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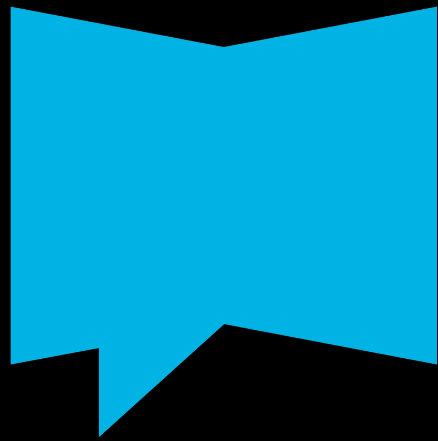
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Bible Project

5-6 ...THAT IS TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT



HOW WILL NON-JEWS
LEARN GOD'S WILL
WITHOUT THE LAWS?

THE LAWS ARE GOOD

SUMMARIZED BY 'LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR' (LEVITICUS 19:18)

...BUT THEY DON'T GIVE
POWER TO OBEY THEM

THROUGH THE
SPIRIT
OF
JESUS!



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IVE ROLE

Paul says loving others is the natural outcome of being deeply connected to God's Spirit living in you.

- How does that happen?
- What makes it difficult?



-What makes it difficult?

*1. Culture emphasizes
love as a “feeling” not as
an action.*



Love as a feeling: dopamine and oxytocin are the two bodily hormones that produce the feelings most often associated with love. When one person is attracted to another person, the brain releases dopamine and produces oxytocin. The combination is, from a chemical and biological standpoint, what gives the sensation of butterflies in the stomach. This psychological sensation is highly addictive. - Jay Kim, *Analog Christian* pg 20



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1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails

Luke 10:27 Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Example: *Story of the Good Samaritan*

John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

-What makes it difficult?

*2. Culture tells us that
happiness comes from
meeting your own
needs first.*





-What makes it difficult?

3. We are overcommitted.



**“Not all of us can do
great things, but we
can do small things
with great love.”**

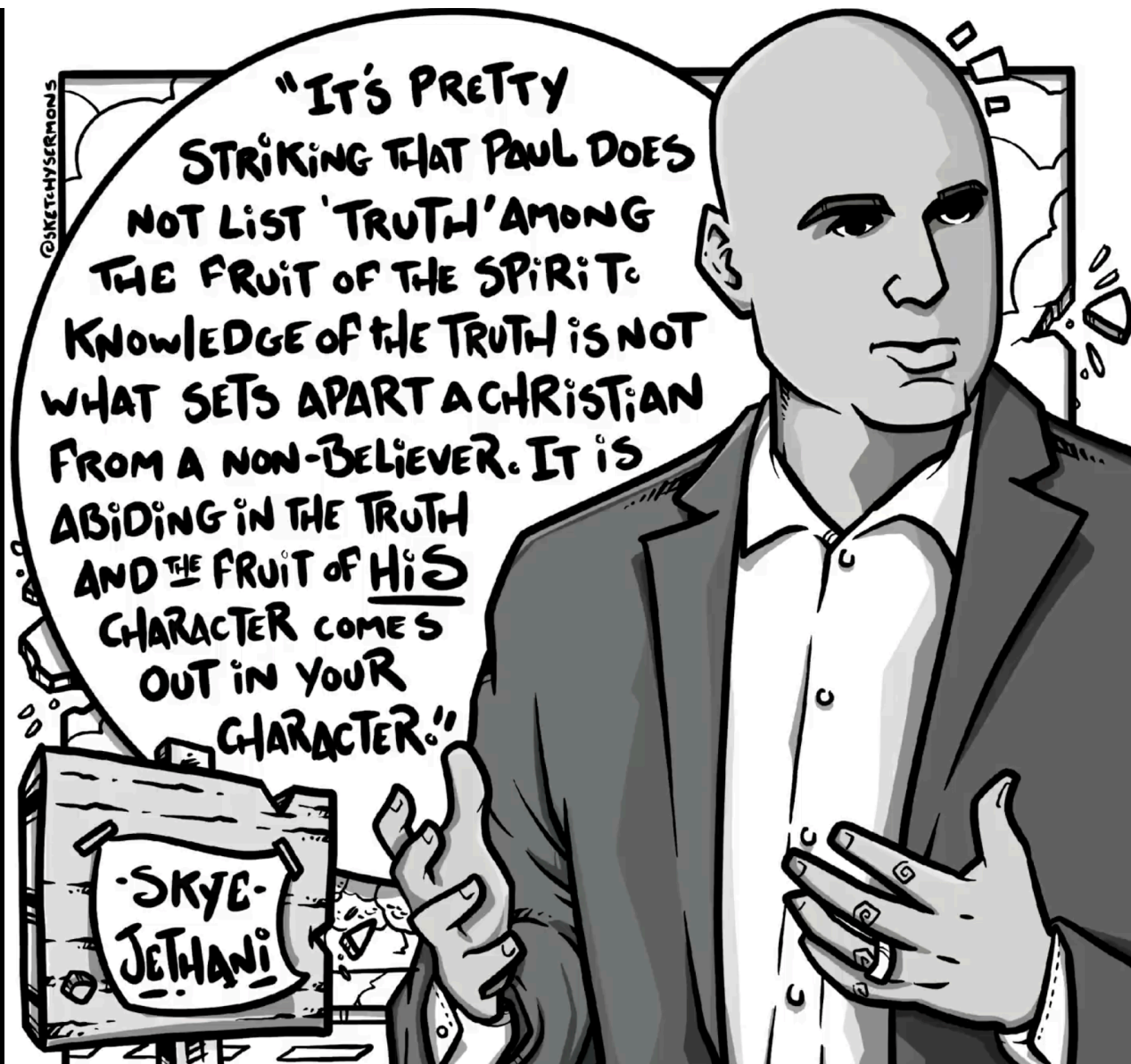
Mother Teresa



-How do I become a loving person?



The key is not to work harder - but to abide - to be connected to Jesus. It is a daily activity - like eating - the meal I ate last week won't nourish me today. The love that you and I share with others - depends on our current connection to Spirit *right now*. You're either living on your own power or learning to rely on God's via His Spirit in you! The fruit - in this case love - is not something we produce but God produces in us! -*Lake Pointe Church, Pastor Steve Stroope*



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"IT'S PRETTY STRIKING THAT PAUL DOES NOT LIST 'TRUTH' AMONG THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH IS NOT WHAT SETS APART A CHRISTIAN FROM A NON-BELIEVER. IT IS ABIDING IN THE TRUTH AND THE FRUIT OF HIS CHARACTER COMES OUT IN YOUR CHARACTER."

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-How do I become a loving person?

*Commit yourself to
daily practices that
keep you connected to
God's Spirit in you.*

- Reading the Bible*
- Praying/Fasting*
- Relationships that
share this priority*

-How do I become a loving person?

Pray: God help me to see small practical ways I can serve those who are closest to me. May your Spirit inspire me to do your good work in my world today.