Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Happy Wednesday!

This week's memory verse is:

"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:18 ESV

Many times, people say they don't want to follow God because of all of His rules. When you actually study Scriptures though, you realize God's "rules" are actually what we still use as our moral code - spoiler alert! His Laws are wonderful: don't cheat, don't murder, don't steal, don't gossip because you should love others. God's Laws teach us how to love Him and teach us how to treat each other. Even throughout the Old Testament, His Laws included the wonderful concept of washing your hands before you eat... Descriptions we didn't come up with these novel ideas on our own - ha! Wonderful advice on how to stay healthy and win friends in my opinion! Today's verse is no different: God's Law says we should love others.

Let's pray it together and say it throughout the week:

Lord, Your Word encourages me to not *take vengeance or bear a grudge against* those around me - and sometimes it's hard to not seek personal justice or vengeance in the exact way I see fit. Help me to honor You and obey Your Word to allow You to seek justice on my behalf - show me how to walk in the ways of YOUR justice and not hold a grudge, but to forgive until forgiveness has finished its work in me. Help me to *love my neighbors*, whom You also created and for whom You also gave Your life as a sacrifice. Help me *love others in the same way that I love myself. You are the Lord* - let it be unto me according to Your Word.

"The Cause of Christ" by Kari Jobe <u>https://youtu.be/oPTDR42xVsg?si=fP-6bMlo6nSjzRQt</u>[youtu.be]

"Not In A Hurry" by United Pursuit <u>https://youtu.be/VeWuavHf4oY?si=uBx9EWpKe6XDNjHl</u>[youtu.be]

"The Father's House" by Cory Asbury https://youtu.be/KOcZnQdbDQE?si=82w0R4YjwWxvkhao[youtu.be]

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