

# Grace & Peace

A Journey Through The Book of Colossians

Pastor Pablo Morales





Session 4

# RELATIONAL PEACE

A person's silhouette is shown standing on a dark, silhouetted hill against a night sky filled with stars. The person is holding a flashlight, and a bright beam of light extends from the flashlight across the sky towards the right. On the right side of the image, there is a semi-transparent rectangular box containing white text.

GRACE  
doesn't stop  
with you;  
it flows  
through you.









FAULTS

PEOPLE



NEEDS



# BACKGROUND

What struggles were the Colossians facing?



Epaphras

Philemon

Apostle Paul

Tychicus

Onesimus





PHILEMON 1 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> It seems you lost Onesimus for a little while  
so that you could have him back forever.



PHILEMON 1 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> He is no longer like a slave to you.  
He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved  
brother, especially to me.

Now he will mean much more to you,  
both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.





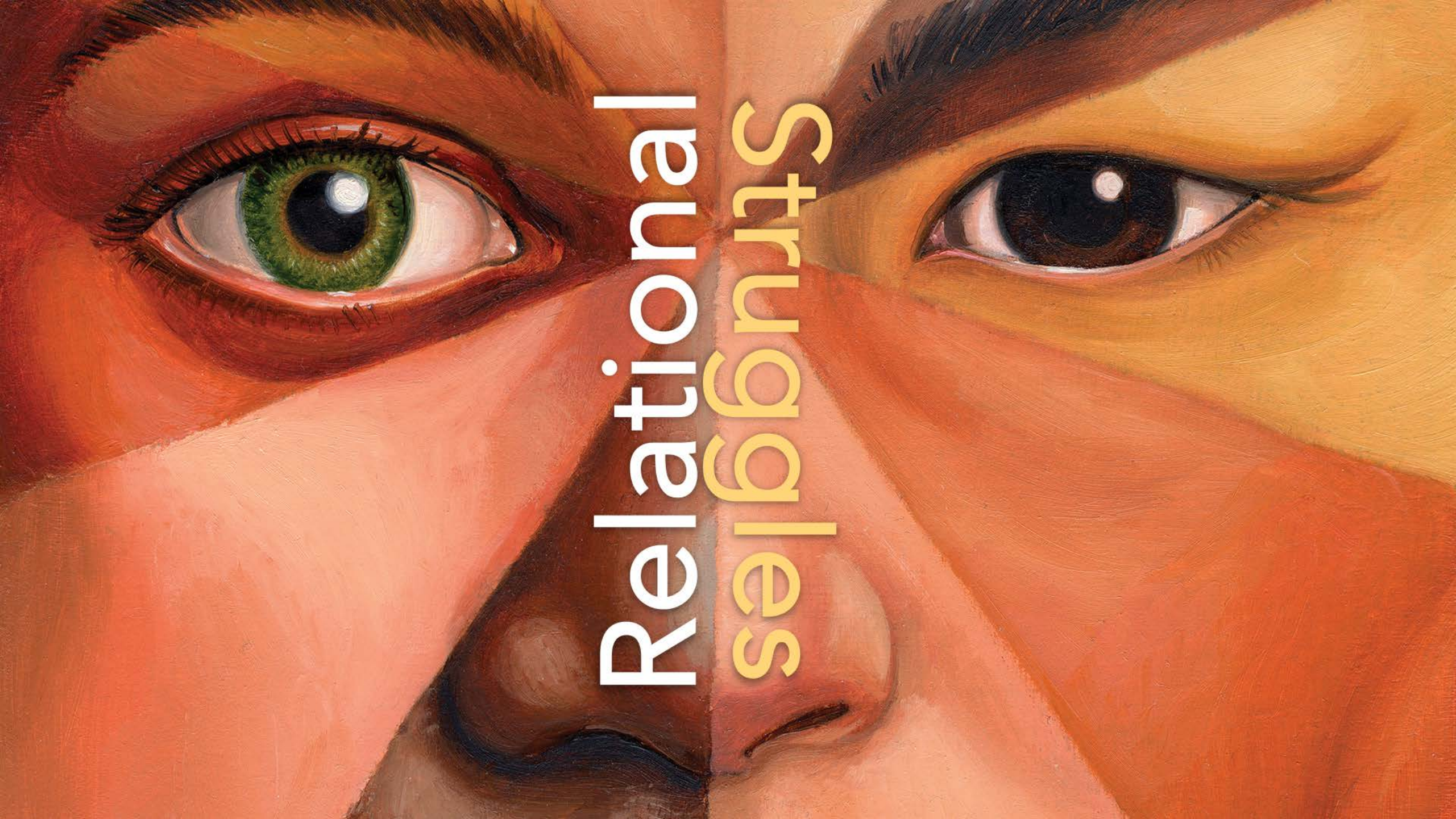
PHILEMON 1 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner,  
welcome him as you would welcome me.

<sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way  
or owes you anything, charge it to me.







# Relational struggles



## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> Put on your new nature,  
and be renewed  
as you learn to know your Creator  
and become like him.



## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free.





## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

Christ is all that matters,  
and he lives in all of us.



## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.



## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults,  
and forgive anyone who offends you.  
Remember, the Lord forgave you,  
so you must forgive others.





## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds us all together  
in perfect harmony.



## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ  
rule in your hearts.

For as members of one body  
you are called to live in peace.

And always be thankful.





# FOUNDATIONS

What did Paul teach the Colossians about Grace?



# FAULTS

1: PEOPLE



NEEDS



# Segregation



JEWISH

Circumcised

Jew

Uncircumcised

Gentile

Barbarian

Scythian

Circumcised

Uncircumcised

Jew

Gentile

ROMAN

Barbarian

Scythian

Circumcised

Uncircumcised

Jew

Slave

Free

Gentile





Barbarian

Scythian

Circumcised

Uncircumcised

Jew

Slave

Free

Gentile

## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.





# CHRIST

Barbarian

Scythian

Uncircumcised

Gentile

Free

Slave

Jew

Circumcised



**FOB**

**Squaw**

**Pom**

**Kanake**

**Moskali**

**Abo**

**Hori**

**Coconut**

**Racaille**

**Keling**

**Wazungu**

**Redneck**

**Ah Tiong**

**Kalar**

**Moi**

**Khaek**

**Wetback**

**Paki**

**Gyppe**

**Abaswa**

**Curry Muncher**

**Doenjang-nyeo**

**Kkamdunggi**

**Indio**

**Kartoffel**



ILLINOIS  
CANCERCARE, P.C.

*Specializing in Cancer and Blood Disorders*

## PATIENT REGISTRATION FORM

All questions contained in this questionnaire are strictly confidential  
and will become part of your medical record.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

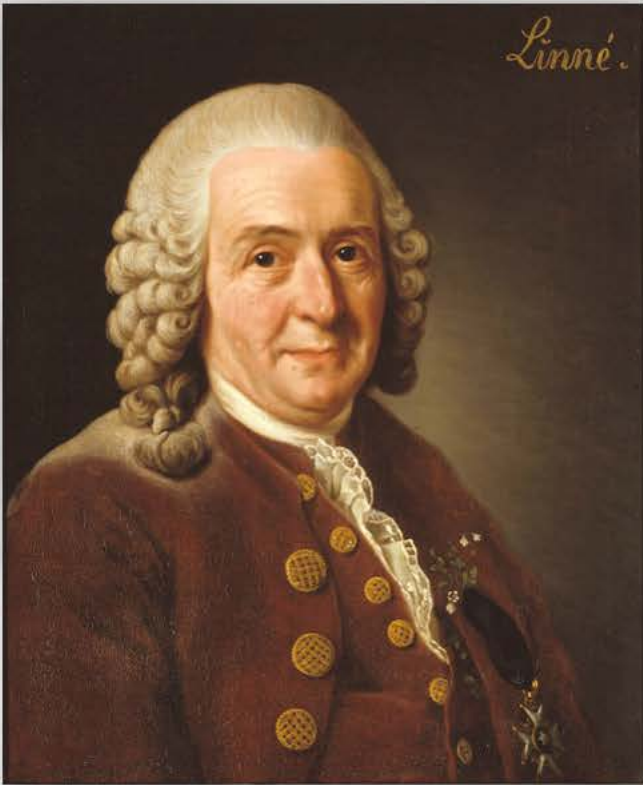
### PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient's Name Last:			First:			Middle:		
Maiden Name:				Date of Birth:			Age:	
Social Security Number:				Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		

### ETHNICITY AND RACE

*This information helps aid your physician in diagnosis and research of your condition.*

Preferred Language: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer			
Race: (Please mark all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to answer							



**CARL LINNAEUS**

(Swedish)

Systema Naturæ

(Linnaean Taxonomy)

## FOUR RACES (1735)

Europeans were Whitish  
Americans were Reddish  
Asians were Tawny  
Africans were Blackish





JOHANN BLUMENBACH

(German)

On the Natural  
Variety of Mankind

## FIVE SPECIES (1775)

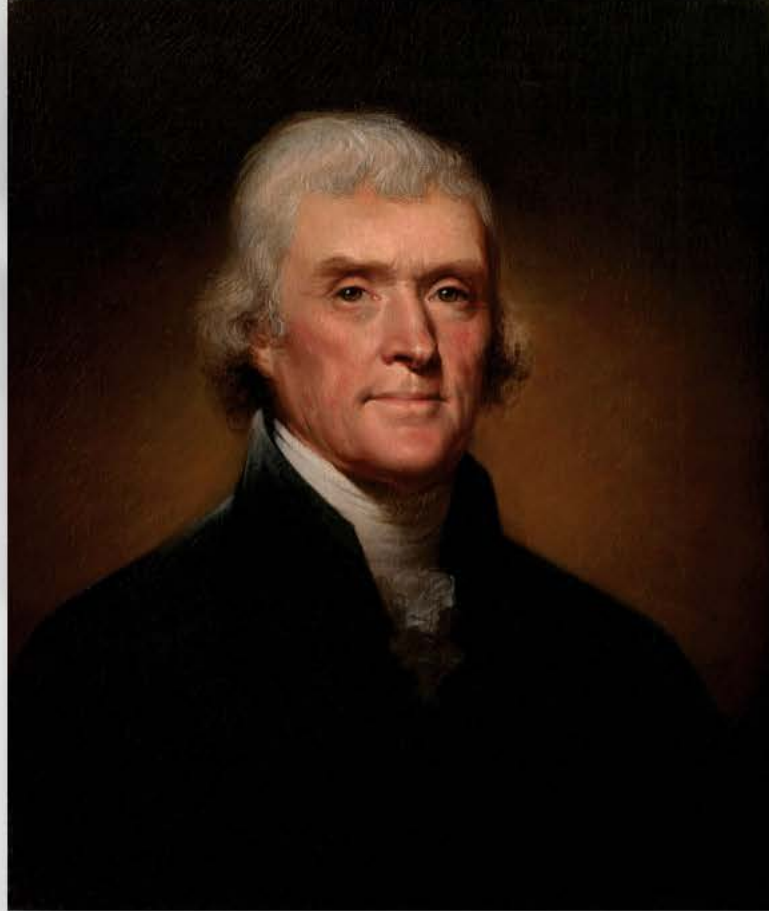
Caucasian Race (white)

Mongolian Race (yellow)

Malayan Race (brown)

Ethiopian Race (black)

American Race (red)

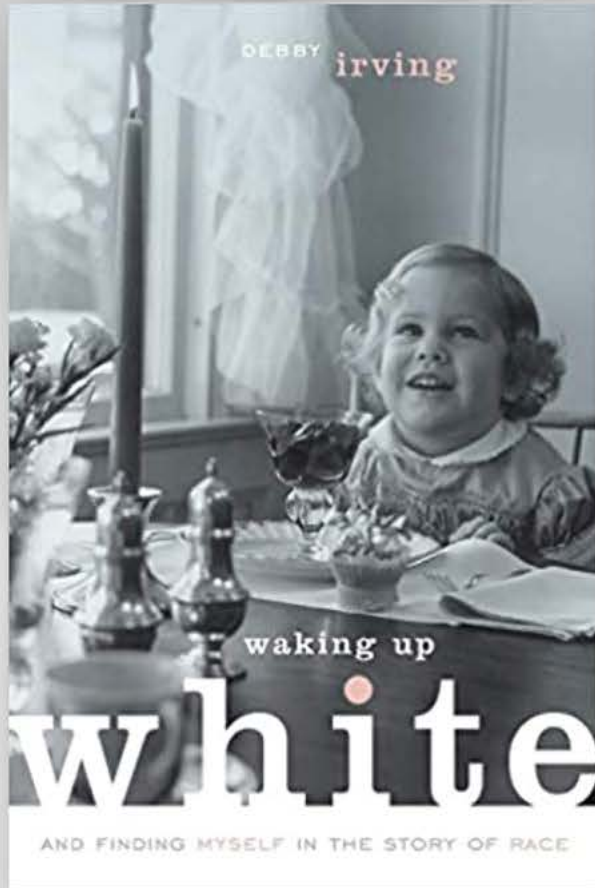


THOMAS JEFFERSON  
(English-American)  
Notes on the State of Virginia

## RACIAL HIERARCHY (1785)

"I advance it therefore  
as a suspicion only,  
that the blacks, whether  
originally a distinct race,  
or made distinct by time  
and circumstances,  
are inferior to the whites  
in the endowments both  
of body and mind."

## DEBBY IRVING



"The way I understood it, race was for other people, brown- and black-skinned people. I thought white was the raceless race—just plain, normal, the one against which all others were measured."



# Humanæ

Angélica Dass





# Humanæ

Angélica Dass





A color photograph of a classroom. A female teacher with glasses and a dark dress with orange and white striped sleeves stands on the left, facing a blue grid bulletin board. Several children are seated at desks in the foreground, looking towards the teacher. A chalkboard with handwritten text is visible on the far left. An American flag is mounted on the wall in the background.

# A CLASS DIVIDED

Jane Elliott





How do you  
**SEE PEOPLE?**



## 2: FAULTS

PEOPLE



NEEDS



Bitterness



# KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

Anger  
Rage  
Malice  
Slander  
Cursing  
Lies



# KINGDOM OF LIGHT

Compassion  
Kindness  
Humility  
Gentleness  
Patience  
Forbearing  
Forgiveness  
Love

## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.



## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults,  
and forgive anyone who offends you.  
Remember, the Lord forgave you,  
so you must forgive others.



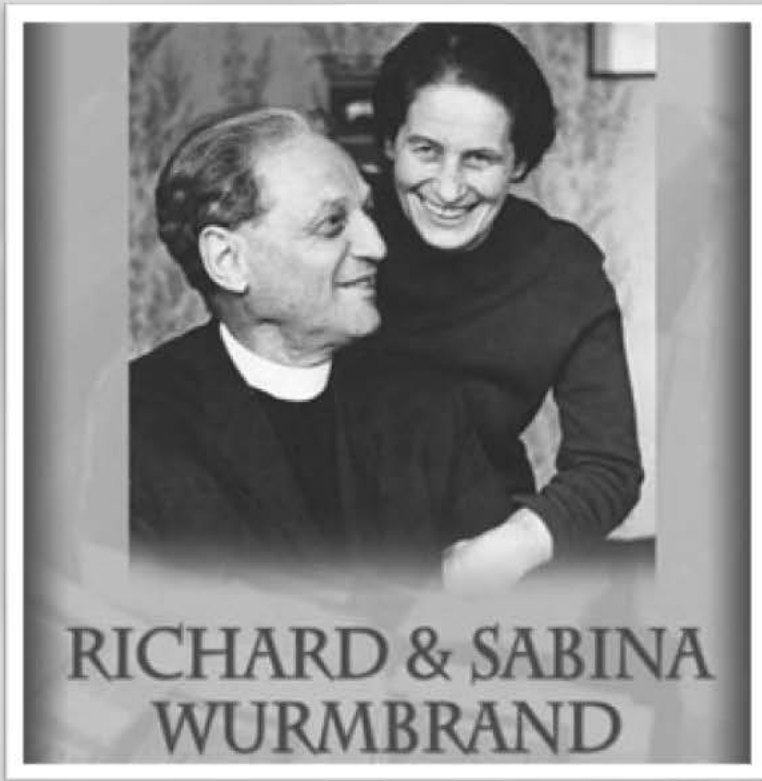


## HEBREWS 12 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.



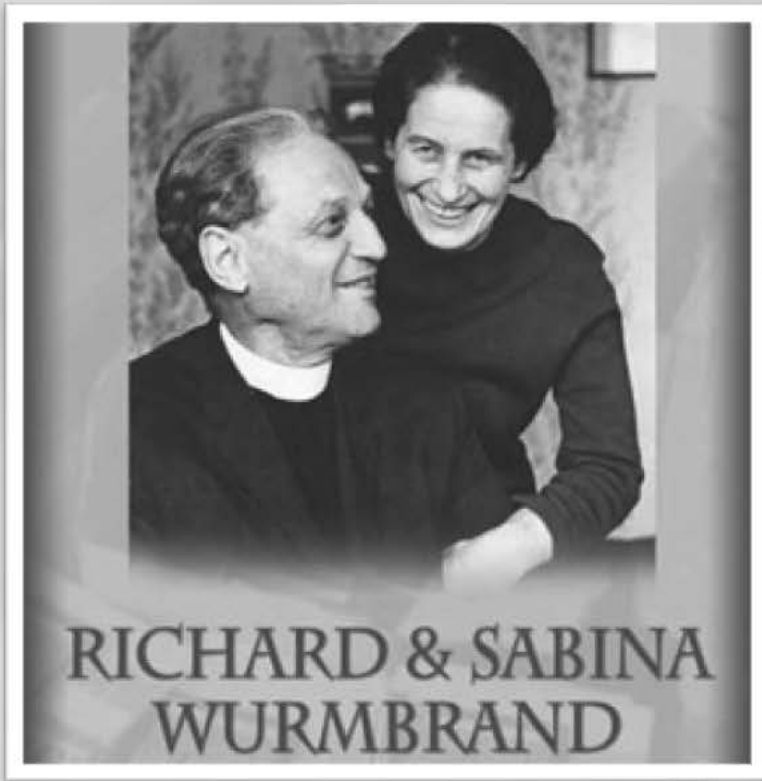
## FORGIVENESS



RICHARD & SABINA  
(ROMANIA)

TORTURED FOR CHRIST

"My last deed before leaving was to go to the grave of the colonel who had given the order for my arrest and who had ordered my years of torture. I placed a flower on his grave."



RICHARD & SABINA  
(ROMANIA)

TORTURED FOR CHRIST

## FORGIVENESS

"By doing this I dedicated myself to bringing the joys of Christ that I have to the Communists who are so empty spiritually. ... Communists can kill Christians but they cannot kill their love toward even those who killed them."





How do you see  
**THEIR FAULTS?**



# FAULTS

PEOPLE



3: NEEDS





# Selfish Ambition





## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds us all together in perfect harmony.



## COLOSSIANS 3 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

ἀγάπη

“sacrificial love”





ἀγάπη





How do you see  
**THEIR NEEDS?**





GRACE  
doesn't stop  
with you;  
it flows  
through you.



# IMPLICATIONS

Are you allowing God's grace to flow through you?





# WELCOME<sup>the</sup> OUTSIDER

FIRST IMPLICATION



# FORGIVE FREELY

SECOND IMPLICATION



A large, stylized tree with a thick trunk and a full, rounded canopy is centered in the background. The tree's roots are exposed and spread out across the bottom half of the image. The entire scene is set against a solid, deep red background. The text 'LOVE SACRIFICIALLY' is overlaid on the tree's canopy, and 'THIRD IMPLICATION' is in a white box over the roots.

# LOVE SACRIFICIALLY

THIRD IMPLICATION



- Personal Question -

**IS GOD'S GRACE  
FLOWING  
THROUGH YOU?**



# Grace & Peace

New way to see PEOPLE  
New way to see FAULTS  
New way to see NEEDS