

# Responding to Racial Tension in America

Inspired by "The Third Option"  
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Joshua was near Jericho when he saw a man standing some distance in front of him. The man was holding a sword, so Joshua walked up to him and asked, "Are you on our side or on our enemies' side?" "Neither," he answered. "I am here because I am the commander of the LORD'S army." Joshua 5:13 (CEV)

The LORD says, "My thoughts are not like your thoughts. Your ways are not like my ways. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. **Isaiah 55:8-9 (NCV)**

Joshua fell to his knees and bowed down to the ground. "I am your servant," he said. "Tell me what to do." **Joshua 5:14 (CEV)**

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Pride only leads to arguments  
Proverbs 13:10 (NCV)

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus ... he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! **Philippians 2:5,8 (NIV)**

When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. **Philippians 2:3 (NCV)**

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Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.  
Proverbs 12:15 (NLT2)

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... you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it.  
Ephesians 2:8-9 (NCV)

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

**Romans 8:29 (NLT2)**

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT2)**

Christ also suffered. He died once for the sins of all us guilty sinners although he himself was innocent of any sin at any time, that he might bring us safely home to God..  
1 Peter 3:18 (TLB)