

Genius of Jesus Part 2: Accepting

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." – Frederick Douglas

*"The quickest way to dishonor our commitment to advancing racial equality is to stop learning."
– God and Race, John Siebling & Wayne Francis*

*"Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. **Strength is for service, not status.** Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, **"How can I help?"** That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out." Romans 15:1-3 MSG*

*"Therefore, **accept each other** just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. Remember that Christ came as a servant." Romans 15:7-8 NLT*

✓ **Singled out.**

✓ **Left out.**

✓ **Pushed out.**

Rejected – singled out, left out, or pushed out because of who you are or where you're from.

*"But all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ [making us acceptable to Him] and gave us the **ministry of reconciliation** [so that by our example we might bring others to Him]." 2 Corinthians 5:18 AMP*

"Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:1-11 NIV

1. We show them unconditional love.

*"For God **so loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17 NKJV*

2. We touch the heart of the issue.

*"For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as **guilty** as a person who has broken all of God's laws." James 2:10 NLT*

3. We open the door to life change.

*"Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public. He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. **Finally he will cause justice to be victorious**. And his name will be the hope of all the world." Matthew 12:18-21 NLT*