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It has been quite a year. Thanks in part to social media the nation and the world have been exposed to any number of conflicts. Conflicts due to race. Conflicts due to politics. Conflicts due to ideologies. Conflicts with authority. Like the virus, these conflicts have resulted in losses of lives, jobs, relationships, and trust.

There have been a lot of changes. One of those changes has been the reaction to the conflict that still exists between racial groups. For some this is not new it has just been more publicized and realized by others. For some this has been a shock to see that there are still conflicts started because of race or lives taken because of race. This is not a new problem and for those of us of faith, it is a problem when those who Christ died for are hurting. I have heard the frustration from people that I have known my whole life. I have heard the frustration from people that I have never met.

Just because there is conflict and we believe that there will always be conflict due to being sinners in a sinful world doesn't mean that we ignore the conflict caused by sin or more importantly the sin that causes conflict. John the Baptist spoke to the sin of the soldiers and the tax collectors at the bank of the Jordan. Jesus spoke to the sin of the religious leaders while he walked on earth. The apostles stood up for the truth of the gospel in front of those who had authority. May God give us the strength to love all people enough to speak to the sins that lead to racism and racial conflict.

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I pray that God who created all people and loves us equally would lead us to love each other as creations of the Almighty.

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