

## The Bond of Humanity - II

How can one person make a difference amid so many others who could care less about humanity?

**“Problems are overcome with solidarity.” Pope Francis**

It takes just one heart to bring light into the darkness. It takes just one soul, to proclaim love and surrender all judgement to God. It only takes one person to make a difference. One person has the power to change the world, because each person has the power to love.

**“...that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one...” John 17: 22-23**

How do we look upon others, to see them as people, as humans, that are equal to ourselves in God’s eyes? Do we see those who are the outcast of society, those who are neglected or put down? What about those who frustrate us, cause us grief, hurt and pain; do we see them as people that God is calling to love? This is the bond of humanity, that nothing and no one can sever the bond that God has created. If there exists a fault in humanity, it exists in the eyes and minds of individuals, but not in the bond of humanity.

**“All authentic unity draws from the rich diversities which make it up: in this sense it is like a family, which is all the more united when each of its members is free to be fully himself or herself.” Pope Francis**

In our everyday encounters, do we create an atmosphere of home, of family, of welcome and that you are wanted and valued? We **MUST** create this atmosphere with every person and in every situation, if we intend to live out the Gospel message...

*Son of God,  
You came into this world to save us and give us life eternal.  
You proclaimed the love of the Father, in words, actions and prayer.  
You taught us how to love beyond our weaknesses, beyond our hardness of heart.  
By Your witness You proclaim the love of God for all people.  
Inspire me to love without restraint and beyond all hesitation,  
to see the beauty of every soul.  
Grant that my desire to embrace the bond of humanity,  
may be strengthened to withstand even my own doubts and fears.  
So that I may love as You have loved.*

**AMEN**