

In His Likeness

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When we share the same last name with another person our first thought may be; I wonder if we could be related? It becomes even more interesting if the other person is famous. Sometimes if there is a resemblance and like mannerisms, we are prone to assume that there is a connection. Perhaps in-depth research could reveal whether or not that there is.

You could have the same first and last name without being related to one another or have different names altogether and be related. In a broader sense, we are all related to one another by human experience. We all have thoughts, habits, emotions, conditions and limitations in life regardless of our nationality, race, religion or sex.

There is a tendency to be drawn to those people with whom, on the surface, we seem to share things in common and we tend to withdraw from those who we have little or nothing in common with. Just because we did not grow up on the same side of the track doesn't mean that we can't relate to each other's human experience. We are all related black, white, red, brown or yellow. For it is from the earth that we all have come from and it is the earth that we shall return to. In all of my few days on this earth, I've never met a person who did not want to be loved, accepted and forgiven for something they regretted doing in life. If you want to be loved, accepted and forgiven, be quick to be the first person to pave the way. Life is too short to hold peoples' transgressions against them in your heart. "For it is in loving that we understand how we are related and it is in forgiveness that we revile God to others." Colossians 3:13-14 NIV *" Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*

Let's welcome others to the extended family that keeps growing daily. You can start this Sunday by joining us at the Cribari Auditorium at 10 a.m. to be encouraged over the Word, a cup of coffee and cookies. The chapel is a place for needs to be met, faith to be affirmed and people to love. We would love to meet you. If you would like to make an appointment with Pastor Bill please call the office at 408-238-3079.

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