

# Love Thy Neighbor

How to love people in turbulent times

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QUIZ

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DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE ENEMIES?

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BIG TIME

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## You got: A Pineapple Wearing Sunglasses

Look, you don't have to be wary of all pineapples. Most pineapples are fine. But there's one super cool pineapple out there who has a major problem with you. It's wearing sunglasses. That's how you know it's super cool. But you must destroy it before it destroys you. You've been warned.

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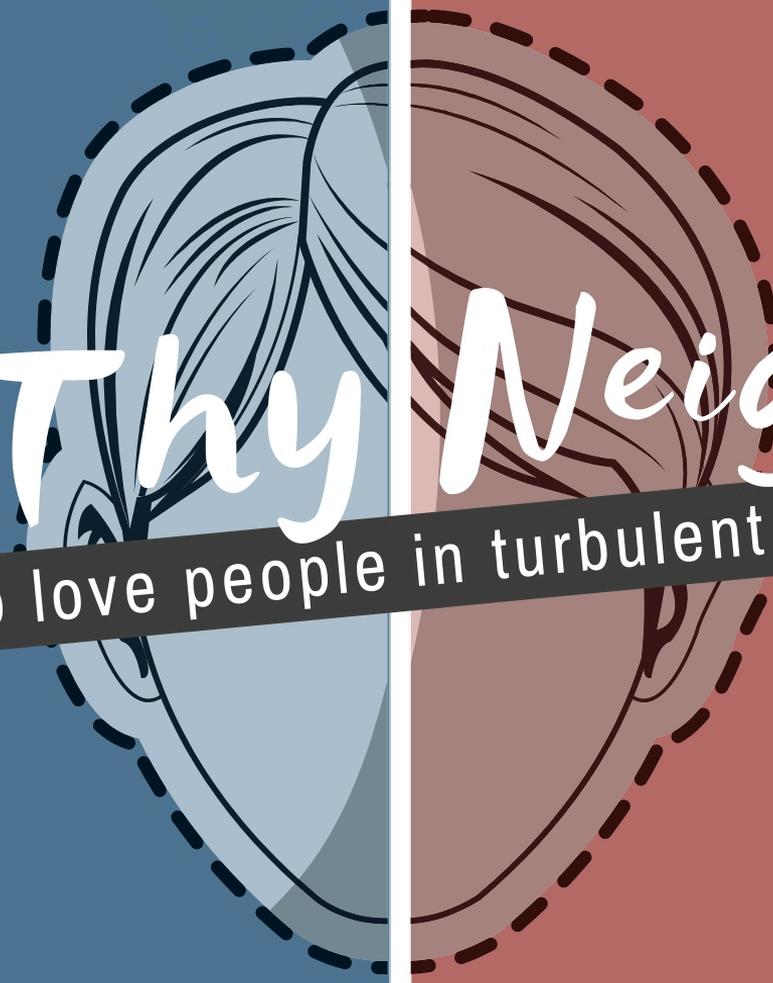


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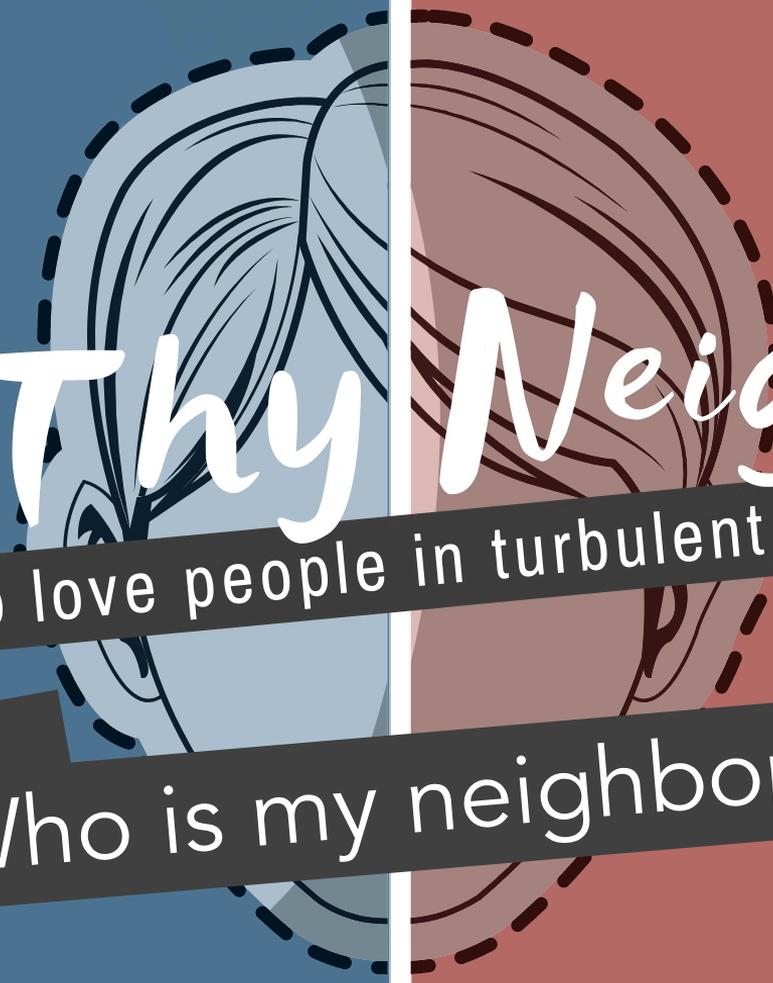




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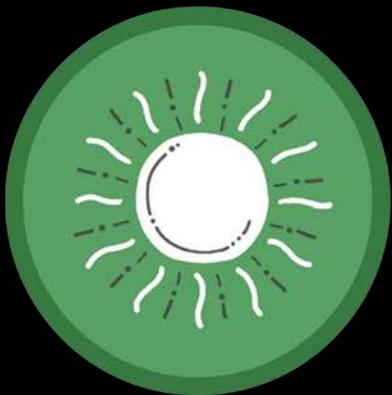
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RESTORATION

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**Job Righteousness:** I'm a hard worker, so God will reward me.

**Family Righteousness:** Because I "do things right" as a parent, I'm more godly than parents who can't control their kids.

**Intellectual Righteousness:** I am better read, more articulate, and more culturally savvy than others, which obviously makes me superior.

**Theological Righteousness:** I have good theology. God prefers me over those who have bad theology.

**Schedule Righteousness:** I am self-disciplined and rigorous in my time management, which makes me more mature than others.

**Flexibility Righteousness:** In a world that's busy, I'm flexible and relaxed. I always make time for others. Shame on those who don't!

**Mercy Righteousness:** I care about the poor and disadvantaged the way everyone else should.

**Legalistic Righteousness:** I don't drink, smoke, or chew, or date girls who do. Too many Christians just aren't concerned about holiness these days.

**Financial Righteousness:** I manage my money wisely and stay out of debt. I'm not like those materialistic Christians who can't control their spending.

**Political Righteousness:** If you really love God, you'll vote for my candidate

**Tolerance Righteousness:** I am open-minded and charitable toward those who don't agree with me. In fact, I'm a lot like Jesus in that way!

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“And so the first question that the Levite asked was, ‘If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?’ But then the Good Samaritan came by and he reversed the question: ‘If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?’”

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## **Romans 5:8**

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

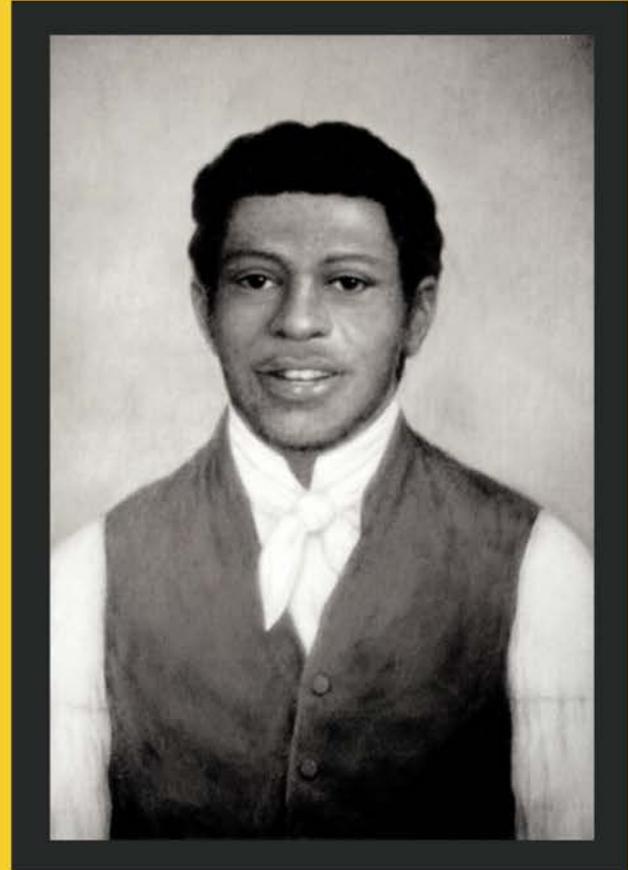
# HEROES IN BLACK HISTORY

## JOHN STEWART

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(1786-1823)

Missionary and founder of the first  
Methodist mission in America.



Matthew Peacock, Wyandot Chief

**"We treated him ill, and gave him little to eat, and trampled on him, and were jealous of him for a whole year."** But after many years of Stewart's ministry, Peacock said the Wyandots had changed their minds: **"We were convinced that God had sent him to us."**

## Further Reflection

Do you know the One who came to your rescue when you were left for dead?

How do you look to justify yourself? What false righteousness do you believe?

Who do you tend to “walk by”? Why and how could that change?

Where are you feeling the turbulence around you? How can you be a neighbor to those hurting?