THE THIRD OPTION
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Joshua 5:13–15

Honor the presence of the image of God in everyone you see.

In-Group/Out-Group
The way we sort people into groups that are either “like me” or “not like me,” creating “us” vs. “them”

In-Group Bias
The tendency to give preferential treatment to people considered “like me”

In-Group Bias
1. I am more comfortable with those “like me.”
2. I am more inclined to spend time socially with those “like me.”
3. I am more patient with those “like me.”
4. I give the benefit of the doubt quicker to those “like me.”
5. I express more grace when mistakes are made by those “like me.”
6. It is easier to communicate with those “like me.”
7. I assume that I will get along easier with those “like me.”
8. I am more willing to go out of my way to help those “like me.”
9. I possess more positive assumptions about those “like me.”

Out-Group Discrimination
1. I am less comfortable with those “not like me.”
2. I am less inclined to spend time socially with those “not like me.”
3. I am less patient with those “not like me.”
4. I give the benefit of the doubt less to those “not like me.”
5. I express less grace when mistakes are made by those “not like me.”
6. It is more difficult to communicate with those “not like me.”
7. I don’t assume I will get along with those “not like me.”
8. I am less willing to go out of my way to help those “not like me.”
9. I possess less positive assumptions about those “not like me.”

The Third Option
Honor: Placing a priceless value on your out-group

Social Narrative
The story that defines how we see the world
1. Acknowledge your blind spots.
   Jeremiah 17:9; 1 John 1:8–10

2. Rename me as your “brother” / “sister.”
   No More “Those People”
   1 John 4:20

3. Give “In-Group” love to your “Out-Group.”
   Matthew 5:43–45

4. Acknowledge your “brother’s”/ “sister’s” color.
   Proverbs 22:2

5. View every “conversation” as a race “consultation.”
   James 1:19–20
6. Give your heart to those “not like you”!

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What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?

Scripture is from the New King James version of the Bible.