

# The **Big** Story Of The Bible #27

## Dealing With As-Is People

**“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)**

**I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:35 (NLT)**

## How To Deal With “As-Is” People:

### 1. Offer Them -----.

**\* Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. Romans 15:7 (NLT)**

**\* Who are you to condemn someone else’s servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall... So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God... So let’s stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall. Romans 14:4-12 (NLT)**

### 2. Offer Them -----.

**\* You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32 (NIV)**

**\* “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” John 8:9-11 (NIV)**

**\* Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 (NLT)**

**\* The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth... For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:14-16 (NIV)**

### 3. Offer Them -----.

**\* Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act.  
Psalm 37:7 (NLT)**

## Riverside Info Texting System

At Riverside we aren't terribly organized- in fact we're sort of the poster church for "disorganized religion". So we use a "text for information" system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone from the church call you without asking for a call. If you can't find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don't answer your call try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

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- \* Communion Info- keyword= Communion
- \* Digital Sermon Notes= Notes
- \* Online Reflections- Reflections
- \* New To Riverside? keyword= Guest
- \* Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop
- \* Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine
- \* Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism

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