

Inspire a Shared Vision

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We all drink from the same spring.
Justice for all people in all ways.
Loving and including all children.
Five loaves, two fish.
We are all one, strength together.
Together we are stronger.

Listen with an open heart
and walk beside all.
Jesus was a hippie who got crucified.
He inspires a future
of speech and self-sacrifice
over swords or slaughter.

The prompt seems confusing and dispiriting
because the churches are so divided –
creating conflict more than shared vision.
Is there darkness? Is there light? Yes.
Confusion? Establish a focus.
Breathing hope.

Love Universal, taught and shown.
By his actions.
Alone and together,
we are expressions of God's intention.
Others envision and aspire to follow.
Inspiration to care and act.

Come, follow me! – an invitation.
Connecting and finding JOY
while sharing a meal together (wine even!).
To be secure enough to be insecure
so we can bring love
to those gnarly and difficult places.

Jesus gathers all.
Treat others as you would have them treat you.
Talking to those who are viewed as of lesser value.
Kindness, empathy, love, connected.
Giving kindness.
To give to God, give to the least.
Come and be part of the circle.
Even if you are a loner,
you can still be part of the circle
We have things to teach each other.
Rim? Spokes? Part of the wheel.
Carried along...

Through his teaching with his parables
With beautiful allegories
By advancing equality
His Love for ALL should inspire
each of us to serve others
and make the world a better place.

The future is here and far away—
we are living in God's time
and our limited mortal time.
Jesus gave us time and inspired us.
If it were not so,
I would have told you.