

Archbishop Desmond Tutu 1931-2021



Desmond Tutu, the cleric who used his pulpit and spirited oratory to help bring down apartheid in South Africa and then became the leading advocate of peaceful reconciliation under Black majority rule in that country, died the day after Christmas in Cape Town. He was 90. The Anglican Archbishop, a powerful force for nonviolence in South Africa's anti-apartheid movement, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. The following piece was written by Greg Myre for NPR.org.

Let's start with the laugh. Desmond Tutu will always be remembered as the South African Anglican cleric who won the Nobel Peace Prize, helped bring down apartheid and served as the moral beacon of a troubled nation for decades. The towering figure has died at age 90.

Yet Tutu's most extraordinary and unique feature was his infectious, cackling laugh, usually triggered by one of his own jokes. He almost always launched his sermons with an amusing tale and, the more fraught the moment, the more likely he was to tap into his endless reservoir of stories to ease the tension. If his joke fell flat, he would just keep laughing until everyone joined him.

I covered South Africa in the late 1980s and early 1990s, which were intense, angry, violent years in a country that often seemed it was edging toward civil war.

Yet time and again, Tutu, dressed in his flowing clerical robe, would appear at a potentially explosive scene and invoke his gift of gab to defuse a crisis, often sending the crowd home with a smile on their faces. His impish grin, laughter

and amusing stories were always employed in the service of nudging South Africans to retreat from the precipice of a racial confrontation.

Bringing people together

One of his trademarks was to hold interfaith services at St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, a city that has a range of Christian denominations, as well as many Muslims and Jews. At one such event, a Christian preacher cried out to the worshippers, "When are you going to give your life to Jesus?" The mischievous Tutu turned to the Muslim clerics and rabbis seated next to him and said, "I think he's speaking to you."

"He pulled everybody into that cathedral. He never wanted it to be just Christian. He didn't see religion as divisive. In Cape Town, there's a large community of Muslims and Jews, many Christian denominations. He brought them all together," said Sahn Venter, a former reporter who worked with me at The Associated Press at the time and later became a senior researcher at the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

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Turning down the flame

In many conflicts, religious figures incite their followers to extreme actions. In contrast, Tutu always invoked his moral authority to turn down the flame and calm a rowdy crowd. Perhaps the most dramatic episode was his intervention to save a young Black South African from being “necklaced,” a gruesome practice in the Black townships where someone accused of collaborating with the White government would have a gasoline-soaked tire forced around their body and set alight.

Tutu came to the rescue as one young man was about to be necklaced. He repeatedly condemned this practice — and all violence — as a means to end apartheid. This position put him at odds with many Blacks, including Nelson Mandela’s African National Congress, who argued that some forms of armed struggle were necessary to force the White government to change.

Attempts to discredit him

Even in those final, roiling years of apartheid, South Africa’s white government was still trying to discredit Tutu. He always seemed to come out on top.

One day, government operatives rounded up unemployed Black people, gave them pre-printed protest signs and drove them to Tutu’s home, a tony estate in the leafy white suburbs of Cape Town. This was Tutu’s official residence as the Anglican archbishop. Black workers had allegedly lost their jobs due to international sanctions, and the government wanted media coverage showing that Tutu was actually harming South African Blacks with his calls for sanctions.

When Tutu got wind of this, he raced home, invited the protesters into his garden and turned on the charm. By the time the television cameras arrived, the protest signs had been discarded on the sidewalk and everyone was enjoying tea, cookies and the gracious host at his impromptu garden party.

If South Africa had been a democracy in Tutu’s younger years, he might have been a comedic actor. He loved telling drawn-out tales with his eyes wide and his face full of mirth. By the time he reached the punchline, he was often cracking himself up with his maniacal laugh.

But in the tightly circumscribed world of apartheid, few career options were open to him. The son of a high school principal, he first tried teaching but found the Black education system imposed by the white government to be insulting.

So, in 1961, he was ordained as a priest, perhaps the only outlet that gave him a platform, an audience and the opportunity to speak with relative freedom beyond the control of the government. He went on to become the first Black South African appointed dean of St. Mary’s Cathedral in Johannesburg in 1975, then bishop, and eventually the country’s first Black archbishop.

He never saw himself as a politician and regarded himself as a proxy during the long years when Nelson Mandela and other leaders of his African National Congress movement were in jail or in exile. Yet Tutu played an incredibly valuable role. Since he was such an international figure, and winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, the white government could try to undermine him, but it could not silence him.

He gave the anti-apartheid movement a guiding light at a time it would have otherwise been largely leaderless and was in danger of being taken over by angry young men rather than the more restrained elder statesmen epitomized by Mandela and Tutu. When Mandela and his fellow ANC leaders emerged from prison in 1990, Tutu stepped aside, just as he had always promised, yet remained a powerful moral voice.

Mandela and Tutu both had homes for many years on Soweto’s Vilakazi Street, perhaps the only street in the world that could claim two Nobel Peace Prize winners as residents.

Tutu led the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He spoke out against corruption in the Black-led government just as he had against the white-led government. He spoke out against Black South Africans behaving badly toward migrants from other African nations, reminding them how African countries had offered shelter to Black South Africans during the apartheid years.

He became an elder statesman and a global ambassador often appearing with the Dalai Lama. He criticized the South African government for not providing a visa to the Dalai Lama in 2011 so he could attend Tutu’s 80th birthday party. He accused the government of “kowtowing” to China.

When South Africa buried apartheid with its first all-race election in 1994, Tutu danced with joy as he cast his ballot. He called it “a religious experience, a transfiguration experience, a mountaintop experience.”

But in 2013, he said he could no longer vote for the ANC. “The ANC was very good at leading us in the struggle to be free from oppression,” Tutu wrote in an op-ed. “But it doesn’t seem to me now that a freedom-fighting unit can easily make the transition to becoming a political party.”

As the country held national elections in May 2014, Tutu told South Africa’s Sunday Times newspaper: “I didn’t think there would be a disillusionment so soon. I’m glad that [Mandela] is dead. I’m glad that most of these people are no longer alive to see this,” a reference to a host of chronic problems such as corruption and poverty.

After Tutu’s death on December 26th, the current Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, released a video statement:

“His legacy is moral strength, moral courage and clarity,” Makgoba said. “He felt with the people. In public and alone, he cried because he felt people’s pain. And he laughed — no, not just laughed, he cackled with delight — when he shared their joy.”

All Things Considered

Set against the current social and religious climate of the time, this weekend's Confirmation of fifteen of our young people from the parish is nothing short of *miraculous* – a true manifestation of the Holy Spirit at work in a battered, struggling age where faith and hope are slim.

A disturbing 2018 study with young adults (15-25) found that many stopped identifying as Catholics at a median age of **13**, long before they ceased attending a parish. The study from St. Mary Press Research titled "Going, Going, Gone: the Dynamics of Catholic Disaffiliation," notes that about a third of respondents left over Church teaching – most often that on same-sex marriage and homosexuality – seen as a human rights, not a moral issue.

The study also notes that young people stopped identifying as Catholics because of a disbelief in religion, or a personal or familial change in their religious denomination. About half of those who left Catholicism joined another religion, while 35 per-

cent became "nones," unaffiliated with any particular religious tradition. Less than a fifth of respondents became atheists or agnostics.

A common denominator among those leaving the Church is that they tended to have weak signs of attachment. More than half of respondents said when they identified as Catholic they attended Mass only a few times a year or less. Two-thirds of them had made their first Communion, but only a third had received Confirmation. Nearly 60 percent had never been involved in any religious education or youth ministry.

The pandemic didn't help any of these issues one least bit – as months-on-end were spent in quarantine from worship and parish connections. These hindrances continue right up until now.

And yet, here with us at this Confirmation liturgy are the precious few survivors or all of that, ready to witness Christ in every situation of the faith. As a parish and a church we must walk with them and all our young people, listen to them with attention and love and then be ready intelligently to give a reason for the hope that is within us. The faith of the Church has survived more difficult eras, but I can think of none in my lifetime. This makes me all the more grateful for these young people with us today who will have to car-

ry on in a brave new way – confident that the Holy Spirit has every intention of not abandoning them and re-creating the face of the earth – our sputtering old Church included.



Our ad hoc Committee on the Parish Infrastructure is charged with the task of assessing the failures of the storm and sanitary systems from the flood of last June 26th and to determine what can corrections can be made to mitigate or prevent that from happening again. To that end, our Infrastructure Committee, under the leadership of **Rory Bolger, PhD, FAICP** has invited two key persons to our next meeting this Tuesday night in the church building. The 6:30 p.m. meeting, open to our neighbors and parishioners, is in that location because we have lost the use of the ARK and the rectory meeting spaces since the flood.

Joining us will be **Suzanne Coffe, C.E.** who is the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Great Lakes Water Authority. The GLWA was created in 2014 as part of the City of Detroit bankruptcy proceedings. Approved by the Detroit City Council, the 40-year lease deal was a historic regionalization of water control, which allowed Detroit to fund improvements to Detroit's aging water infrastructure.

Also joining us at our meeting will be **Palencia Mobley, P.E.**, the deputy director and chief engineer of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. She is responsible for the operation, maintenance and rehabilitation/replacement of linear water and sewer infrastructure, including green storm-water infrastructure.

The job of GLWA/DWSD is immense. They are responsible for providing millions of Southeastern Michigan residents with some of the world's cleanest, safest drinking water. But clearly, something went (or is going) wrong with these operations and we have all been impacted by it. It may even threaten the future of this parish itself. Wouldn't it be an ignominious end that after a century of struggles, St. Ambrose disappeared from the map because of sewer water?

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On January 8, 2022, Bishop Donald Hanchon completed the Sacraments of Initiation for these young women and men of St. Ambrose. The gift and grace of the Holy Spirit was given in Confirmation to...

- **Ava Marie Amandine Biter • Abigail Catherine Evans**
- **Ella Catherine Hugh • Lindsey Margaret Kodanko**
- **Avery Teresa Lenglet • Gabriel Lutheran**
- **Siobhan Joan McGlone • William Ignatius McLean**
- **Owen Sebastian Mulcahy • Margaret Catherine O'Brien**
- **Graham Brendan Rebain • Matthew Robert**
- **Julia Cecilia Roeder • Darjus Ignatius Segovia**
- **Claire Clare Swiatkowski • Kiernan Ignatius Tague**



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- ☐ I would simply like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- ☐ I desire to prepare for my Baptism into Christianity.
- ☐ I've been Baptized as a Christian and now desire to join in Catholic Communion.
- ☐ I'm non-Catholic, but married to a Catholic, and now wish to join the Catholic Church.
- ☐ I'm Catholic and I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating Confirmation and/or Communion.
- ☐ I'm Baptized Catholic and would like to learn more about my faith and how to practice it.
- ☐ I want to propose someone for Catholic Church membership and offer to serve as their sponsor.
- ☐ I would be willing to help with an R.C.I.A. program.
- ☐ I have other needs, requests, and questions. Please contact me.

Return this to the Parish Rectory or place it in the Collection basket.

Faith Formation Station

Our amazing group of confirmandi were sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Saturday January 8, 2022 at a 1:30 p.m. liturgy with Bishop Donald Hanchon presiding. It is my honor to share with you the confirmandi's heart-felt prayers to the Holy Spirit that they have composed. Keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey as fully initiated members of our Church.

Come, Holy Spirit and enlighten me on my path of life. Give me knowledge to apply as I take on each day and give me support as I make mistakes. Guide me to the right decision in every situation and one day open the gates of heaven for me. Amen. – Ava Biter

Come, Holy Spirit. Help me strengthen my relationship with God. Let your light shine down on me, and bless me with your love as I begin this new chapter of my life in the Church. Thank you for making me healthy and strong. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen. – Abigail Evans

Come, Holy Spirit, and help me prepare for Confirmation. Help me acknowledge the greatness of God, help me realize his power. Please send a prayer to Saint Catherine of Siena and ask her to send me confidence on this journey. Amen. – Ella Hugh

Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe into me so my thoughts and desires may all be holy. Move in me so my words and actions may all be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, so all that I love may be holy. Strengthen me that I may defend all that is holy and help those who have lost their way. For only through God, the Father Almighty, can our lives be fulfilled and completed. For only through Jesus, his only Son, can we have faith in our salvation. For only through the Holy Spirit can we have the strength and charisma to spread the word of the Lord. For only through faith in the Holy Trinity may we be good disciples of Christ, be saved from sin and eternal damnation, and be complete in our worldly life and in the next. Amen. –Paul Kaminski

Come, Holy Spirit fill my heart with love and strength to do good in our world. Dear Heavenly Father, as you lead the disciples to go out and share your love and goodness with others, allow the Holy Spirit to work through me, being an instrument of peace and protector of nature. Help guide me in the right direction of joy, love, and light. I pray this in Your Holy Son's name, Jesus Christ. Amen. – Lindsey Kodanko

Come, Holy Spirit guide me through life. We worship God for he is our holy father. Help me become the best me and grow in faith. I bring God into my life as he is my light. Keep my family and friends safe and healthy. I am happy to be alive and excited to take this next step in my faith. Thank you for all you have done. Amen. – Avery Lenglet

Come, Holy Spirit, help me to stay strong and follow God's word every day. Help remind me to thank God for all of my blessings in my prayers. Help me to share God's love and word with my friends and others. Keep my spirit strong even when I'm having a bad day. – Gabe Lutheran

Dear God and St. Joan, I pray for strength in my struggles and for humbleness in my successes. Give me courage in times of need. Amen. – Siobhan McGlone

Come, Holy Spirit you give us power and strength to live. You bare down to our arms to protect. You give us love if we feel mistreated. You give us the blood and body of Christ to protect us and keep us close to you. Thank you for being by my side. I look to you for guidance, love, and support as I follow in your footsteps. Amen. – William McLean

Come, Holy Spirit, please bless me with the love of God and help me love others in return. Help me find the path God has chosen for me so I may spread his goodness and kindness. I am eternally grateful for all the gifts in my life and I give you thanks for that. As I prepare for Confirmation, help me grow even closer to you and always stand by your words. Amen. - Owen Mulcahy

Come, Holy Spirit, please bless me with the grace and love that is to come after my Confirmation. I thank you for everything that you have given me and I ask for happiness and good health to all of my loved ones. I also pray for Mrs. R. for she had breast cancer last year and they just found skin cancer on her. I pray for her and her family to make it through this tough time. Thank you, Lord, for listening and for all the gifts you have given us. Amen. – Margaret O'Brien

Come Holy Spirit, Great and Good, bless me with focus and command when I am faltering. O Holy Spirit, one of three, bless my family and friends in health and happiness. In the glory of God, Amen. – Graham Rebain

Come, Holy Spirit. Come bring your holiness into me. Bless me Lord. Forgive me for my sins. Lord, please bless my family and everyone. Thank you, Lord. Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Amen. – Matthew Robert

Come Holy Spirit, I pray that from God, God will bless me with everything I need to make the right choices in life. I pray those around me will bless me with love and strength. I pray that my family and friends have good health and love each other. Amen. – Julia Roeder

Come, Holy Spirit, guide me and give me strength to make good decisions and be a good Christian. Amen. – Claire Swiatkowski

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with love. Inspire us to live as you have taught us: in service to others, strong in faith, and always with patience, kindness, and mercy. Help us remember that it is in giving that we receive and in serving others—especially the poor and needy of our world—that we encounter You most fully. Give us eyes to see You in all things, not only when life seems easy, but in the difficulties and challenges, as well. Give us grace to understand how You are always at work in our lives—and that any suffering we're going through will eventually pass. Keep us strong in the knowledge that You are always with us and always guiding us, step by step, through every day of our lives. We ask all of this, so that our every thought, every word, and every action may be "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam." Amen. – Kiernan Tague

REMINDERS:

• Religious Education Classes resume January 9, 2022. Please note that we do have class over the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday this year. We have done our best to schedule faith formation classes around the GPPSS calendar; however, we also aim to get our required number of classes in by early May. The program calendar can be found on the parish website and class reminders and updates are emailed out every week in our Friday Family Flocknotes.

Kelly Woolums

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Adjusted parish target \$145,007		
Received as of 12/27/21..... \$110.029		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our CSA goal was higher this year than last, which explains why we struggled to get to our minimum. • The insurance premiums listed – roughly \$1,000 a week – are the fund that will underwrite a majority of our flood damages. • Now that we have made our AoD quota, anything given to the CSA comes directly back to our parish without the usual 7% deduction making it a good time to donate. 		

The Beehive

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: On the Lord's Day –

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Baptism: Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

Penance: As announced and by appointment.

Marriage: Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

Funeral: Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, January 10

Weekday 1st week in Ordinary Times

Tuesday, January 11

Weekday 1st week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – Mass –

Wednesday, January 12

Weekday 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday, January 13

St. Hilary, bishop & doctor

7:00 – Mass –

Friday, January 14

Weekday 1st Week in Ordinary Time

12:00 – Mass – Joseph Bierne

Saturday, January 15

Weekday 1st Week in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. – Mass – For All People

Sunday, January 16

Second Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 – Mass – For All People

11:15 – Mass – For All People



Scriptures for the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

January 10

1 Sm 1: 1-8

Ps 116: 12-19

Mk 1: 14-20

January 11

1 Sm 1: 9-20

(Ps) 1 Sm 2: 1, 4-8

Mk 1: 21-28

January 12

1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20

Ps 40: 2, 5, 7-10

Mk 1: 29-39

January 13

1 Sm 4: 1-11

Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Mk 1: 40-45

January 14

1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a

Ps 89: 16-19

Mk 2: 1-12

January 15

1 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1a

Ps 21: 2-7

Mk 2: 13-17

January 16

Is 62: 1-5

Ps 96: 1-3, 7-10

1 Cor 12: 4-11

Jn 2: 1-11

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15th - 16th

Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses are celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

There is no limit on seating capacity – but distancing is still required.

Wearing face masks at St. Ambrose is asked of the vaccinated and unvaccinated.

To participate electronically, go to: facebook.com/stambroseparish or better yet, to
You Tube at www.youtube.com/channel/UCbymbBGIQxUF6UqPct5xFg

For specifics on the law of Sunday Obligation go to:
aod.org/comehometohope-dispensation

Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish
requires a *minimum* of..... \$10,100.00

Sunday, December 26, 2021

in envelopes we received \$5,000.00

in the loose collection \$1,391.00

in electronic donations \$3,349.45

for a total of \$9,740.45

Under budget for the week..... \$359.45

Number of envelopes mailed/used... 627/28

Christmas Collection reported at a later date.



Our Sick

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or who are hospitalized:
Pat Blake, Karen Culver, Donald Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Jeanne Noto, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, Mary Martin, George Bucec, Emilie Kasper, Darby O'Toole, Anna Noto Billings, Eileen O'Brien, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Frank Gregory, Alex Billiu, Jerry Scopel, Jackie Walkowski, Kristen Kingzett, Maria Simcina, Brian Tague, Sharif Hannan, Shirley Whelan, Anne Purvis, Jerry Gutowski, Kevin O'Connor, Albina Checki, Judy Sivanov, Matthew Brown, Ernie Ament, Charlie Merz, Tiffany Saing Patricia Higgins, Susan Higgins and those suffering and hospitalized worldwide with COVID-19.



On October 18, 2021, Epiphany Education Center re-opened its doors to Metro Detroit children after over 18 months of virtual-only services due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The mandatory closure of all schools and educational services resulted in an unplanned shift from traditional learning to a setup that exclusively involved virtual learning. Unfortunately, many children were negatively impacted and experienced months of learning loss due to the pandemic. But experts say making tutors available to kids – especially those least able to afford to hire one themselves – could be vital to combating learning losses that resulted when the coronavirus forced schools to shut down.

Epiphany learning Center is determined to help get students back on track, safely. In an effort to protect our students and tutors we have updated some of our protection policies including mandatory face masks, on site Covid-19 testing and plexiglass dividers. Thanks to you and all of our faithful supporters, we are back providing vital one-to-one tutoring services in the city of Detroit. To volunteer or donate go to epiphanyeducationcenter.com

The Quotable Tutu

Archbishop Desmond Tutu came under the limelight during the 1980s apartheid movement in South Africa. He was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize, the Gandhi Peace Prize, the Sydney Peace Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In his over four decades of public life, Desmond Tutu was quite vocal on several issues close to his heart. He has expressed his thoughts through his speeches, quotes, writings, columns and books.

“My father always used to say, “Don’t raise your voice. Improve your argument.” Good sense does not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right.”

“Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another.”

“When we see others as the enemy, we risk becoming what we hate. When we oppress others, we end up oppressing ourselves. All of our humanity is dependent upon recognizing the humanity in others.”

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”

“In the end what matters is not how good we are but how good God is. Not how much we love Him but how much He loves us. And God loves us whoever we are, whatever we’ve done or failed to do, whatever we believe or can’t.”

“There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they’re falling in.”

“We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low.”

“Because forgiveness is like this: a room can be dank because you have closed the windows, you’ve closed the curtains. But the sun is shining outside, and the air is fresh outside. In order to get that fresh air, you have to get up and open the window and draw the curtains apart.”

“A person is a person because he recognizes others as persons.”

“How could you have a soccer team if all were goalkeepers? How would it be an orchestra if all were French horns?”

“Universal education is not only a moral imperative but an economic necessity, to pave the way toward making many more nations self-sufficient and self-sustaining.”

“Peace comes when you talk to the guy you most hate. And that’s where the courage of a leader comes, because when you sit down with your enemy, you as a leader must already have very considerable confidence from your own constituency.”

“God’s dream is that you and I and all of us will realize that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness, and for compassion.”

“Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning.”

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”

“It is through weakness and vulnerability that most of us learn empathy and compassion and discover our soul.”

“If you are asked to take up arms, reject that call. By putting down your arms you will demonstrate the character that God gave to each of you.”

“If you want peace, you don’t talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.”

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