

Last week I wrote about Ahmed and Marwa, friends that have modeled generosity and hospitality that exceeds most of the interactions I have had with people who do or don't profess a faith. Our friendship is based on mutual respect, appreciation, character, integrity, pluralism, and love.

As I was writing this I was reminded of a testimony by Jim Cymbala, Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle. It's been years since I thought about it, but it came to me as I reflected on what it means to truly love ALL people as image bearers of God. Keeping this newsletter short and sweet because I want you to watch that video of Pastor Cymbala's testimony:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHPaYYM1DBE&t=11s>

The Temple Takeaway:

Notice how Pastor Cymbala begins his testimony by referring to how tired he was. Is fatigue affecting how you treat people and informing the assumptions you make about people? What questions do you ask people to better understand where they are coming from? In light of the video, who might you treat differently? How does the love of God look on you?