

Daily Devotion For March 26, 2021

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility," Ephesians 2:14

28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Today I was viewing video clips by Kristi Yamaguchi and Jeremy Lin on the rise of anti-Asian sentiments in the United States. Their comments reflect the growing number of attacks on Asian Americans. Kristi Yamaguchi who lives in San Francisco and has family members in San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose said she warns her parents to be aware of their surroundings when they go out. Jeremy Lin says that he is speaking out to prevent future generations from having to experience hate crimes that he himself has experienced. Jeremy Lin says that even in the NBA he has been called "Coronavirus".

Racism and hatred is a problem we can't ignore or run away from. It's an issue today, and it was an issue throughout history, including when the Bible was written. I can share stories of my own experience of being the recipient of racism.

As we have been going through our study in the book of Ephesians we have seen how Jesus came to break down the walls of racism. At the time of Christ, the two main groups were the Jews and the Gentiles. They hated each other. Because of the shed blood of Christ, that we remember especially in this season of Lent, Jesus built a bridge to bind them together as one family. Galatians 3:28 says that we are all one in Christ.

Thought For Today: What experiences can you share about being a recipient of racism? How do you regard others of a different ethnicity? Are there traces of racism in your own heart?

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that God would cleanse your heart of any racism, prejudice, or favoritism that you may have towards others. Continue to pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.