

# Love Does No Harm



## A Retreat for Living the Spirituality of Love Your God, Your Neighbor and Your Self

Religious law and the commandments can be summed up in one word: Love. Jesus Christ told us we are to love God, neighbor and self. He also encouraged us to "love one another as I have loved you." And yet, if there is anything that we humans seem to fail most at, it's being loving as God is loving.

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul tells us love does no harm to anyone. There are no exceptions to this truth because real love has no hidden expectations, no secret agendas, no preconceived conditions and no limits to its healing abilities. Real love looks beyond human behavior, to the heart of each individual; it seeks the good within everyone by focusing on the image and likeness of God that each and every human being reflects.

Human love rarely lives up to the above definition because human love is flawed by the human darkness known as fear. Fear magnifies our flaws and causes us to doubt our own lovability. And when we are unable to love our own reflection of the image and likeness of God, it's unlikely we will ever be able to honestly love anyone else's.

During this retreat, we will look at various Scriptural passages that call us to live by a love that does no harm to us or anyone. We will also explore the human baggage that keeps us from living this law to the best of our abilities. And we will examine solutions that can help us transcend our brokenness, as God calls us to do, so that we can truly be loving just as God is loving.

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**Love Does No Harm begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ends at Noon on Sunday.**

**For questions about content or cost, or to register for this retreat, call 520-744-3400.**

**If you would like massage during your stay, it's best to book a time for massage when you register.**

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