

# Message Notes

## The Tolerance Narrative

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

**Introduction** - "Where were you in 2002?"

REVIEW - How do we engage with "the world" today? By *Learning and Filtering*

Today's Message:

**The Tolerance Narrative:** "We need to tolerate one another...as long as you agree with me!"

*The idea of Tolerance*

*What Tolerance has become*

### Filtering the Tolerance Narrative

**Jesus facing opposition... with tolerance**  
Luke 9:51-55

**God is intolerant of sin, so we should be, still loving the sinner**  
Romans 12:9-16

**The danger of religious intolerance**  
Acts 7:51-8:3

**How to tolerate? Speak truth in Love!**  
Ephesian 4:15

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

**Gospel Application** - *Do I tolerate people? Do I have a single person I could say that I love deeply and yet disagree with on some important things?*

### **Luke 9:51-55**

<sup>51</sup>As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" <sup>55</sup>But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then he and his disciples went to another village.

### **Romans 12:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

### **Acts 7:51-8:3**

### **Ephesian 4:15**

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-8a**

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, <sup>4</sup>but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails.