

RESURRECTION CITY

CHURCH

A high-angle, black and white photograph of a vast, empty parking lot. The white lines of the parking spaces create a strong grid pattern across the dark asphalt. A single, small silhouette of a person stands in the middle of the lot, looking towards the camera. The perspective is from above, making the lines converge towards the horizon.


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Derrin Patrick:

LESSONS LEARNED

IN LOSING MY CHURCH



An aerial photograph of a river with white-water rapids. A large, dark rock is partially submerged in the center of the frame. The text is overlaid on the image, primarily on the rock and the surrounding water.

The
Waters
in which we
Swim

Cultural Dogmas &
Gospel Responses

How do we “interact”
with culture (the world)?

IN but not OF

LEARN AND FILTER



This week's message:

The Tolerance Narrative:

“What we need is tolerance.”

The Narrative:

*We need to accept any thought, unless
we don't like that thought.*

Understanding The Narrative:



What is tolerance? It is the consequence of humanity. We are all formed of frailty and error; let us pardon reciprocally each other's folly - that is the first law of nature.

(Voltaire)



I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll
defend to the death your right to say it.

(Voltaire)

WELCOME
BACK
STUDENTS
TO YOUR
UNIVERSITY
SAFE SPACE!
PLEASE ISSUE A
TRIGGER WARNING
IF YOU ARE ABOUT
TO COMMIT A
MICRO-AGGRESSION.

Thanks,
THE MGMT.

SO LONG!
YOU WON'T
BE NEEDING
ME!....



“As Dean of Students John Ellison puts it, [o]ur commitment to academic freedom means that we do not support so called ‘trigger warnings,’ we do not cancel invited speakers because their topics might prove controversial, and we do not condone the creation of intellectual ‘safe spaces’ where individuals can retreat from ideas and perspectives at odds with their own.”

~Ilya Somin, *A warning against trigger warnings*, The Washington Post, August 25th, 2016

Political correctness is
America's newest form
of **intolerance**, and it is
especially pernicious
because it comes
disguised as tolerance.

George Carlin



What is the Biblical idea of TOLERNCE?



Jesus faced opposition... with tolerance

Luke 9:51-55

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



You can't tolerate someone

UNLESS

you disagree with them!

God is intolerant of sin, as we are to be. Yet he (and we) are to always love everyone, including the sinner.

Romans 12:9-16

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

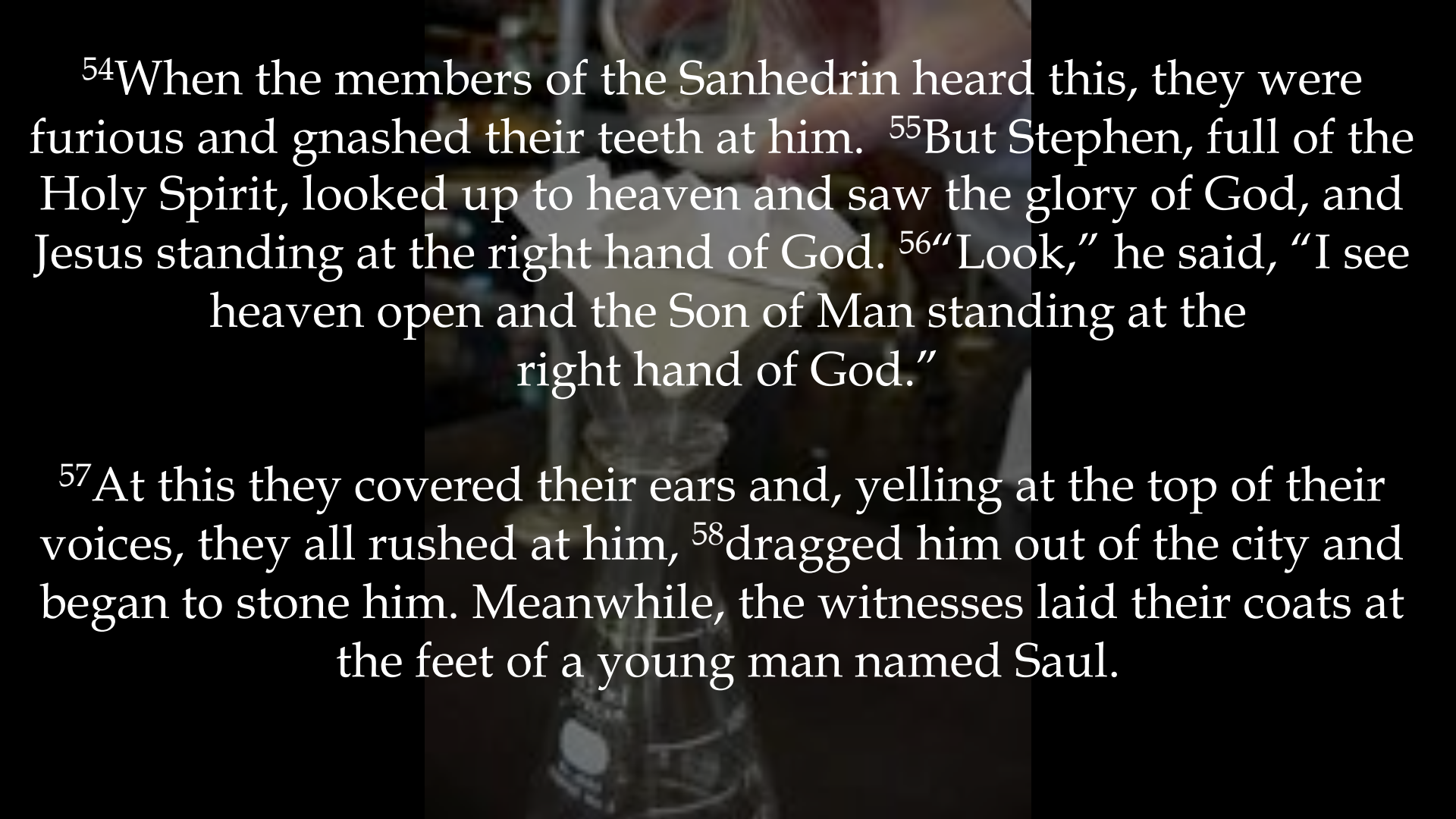
A photograph of a laboratory experiment. A person's hand is visible at the top, pouring a white liquid from a beaker into a funnel. The funnel is placed on top of a clear glass Erlenmeyer flask. The background is slightly blurred, showing laboratory equipment. The text "NOT CARING ≠ TOLERANCE" is overlaid in white, bold, serif font across the center of the image.

NOT CARING ≠ TOLERANCE

The danger of religious intolerance

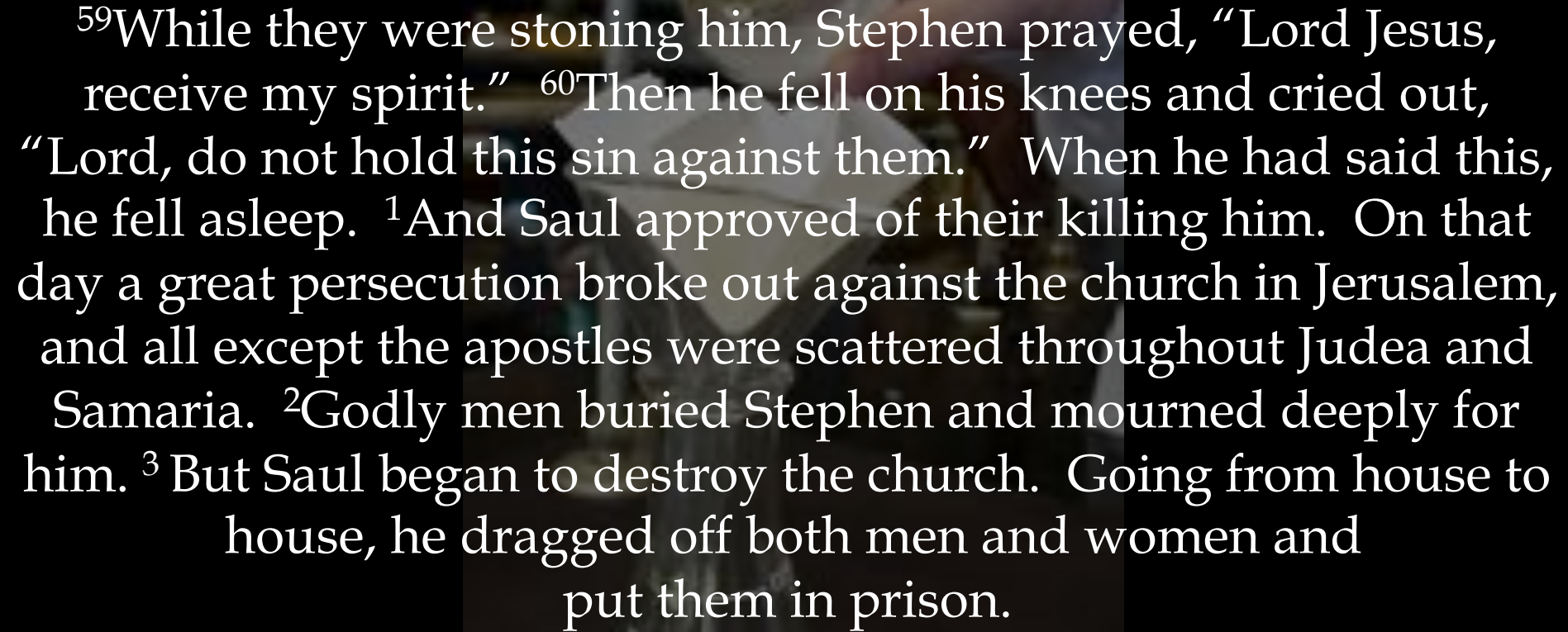
Acts 7:51-8:3

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵²Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him — ⁵³you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

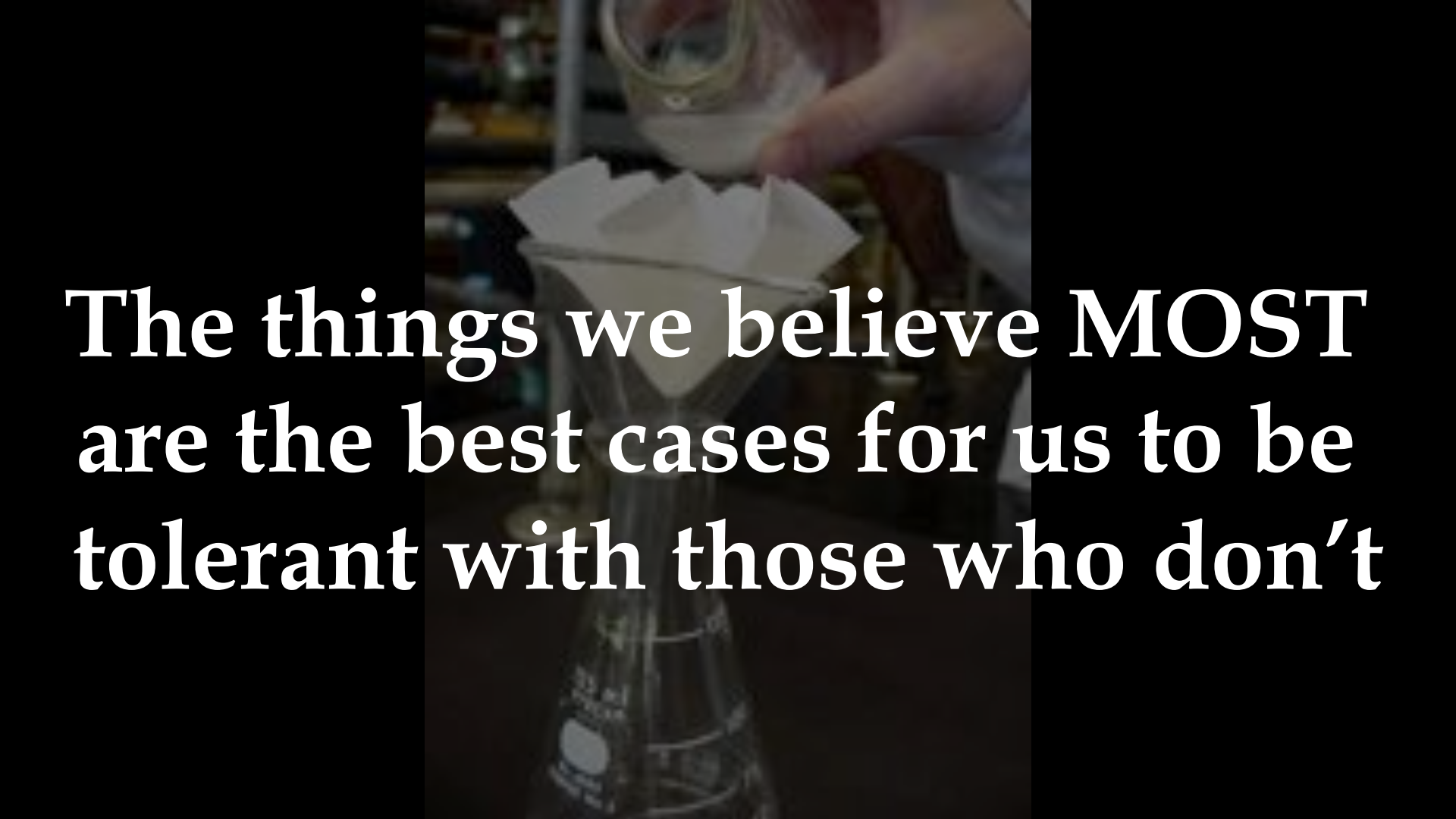


⁵⁴When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.



⁵⁹While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep. ¹And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ²Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

A person wearing a white lab coat is shown in a laboratory setting, pouring a liquid from a glass beaker through a white paper funnel into a clear glass Erlenmeyer flask. The background is slightly blurred, showing laboratory equipment. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, serif font.

**The things we believe MOST
are the best cases for us to be
tolerant with those who don't**

How to tolerate? Speak truth in Love!

Ephesians 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

¹If 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. ²If 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. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, ^u but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails.

A person is pouring a white liquid from a beaker into a funnel that is placed inside an Erlenmeyer flask. The scene is set in a laboratory with various glassware and equipment visible in the background. The text "Would I rather be loving or right?" is overlaid in white on a dark background.

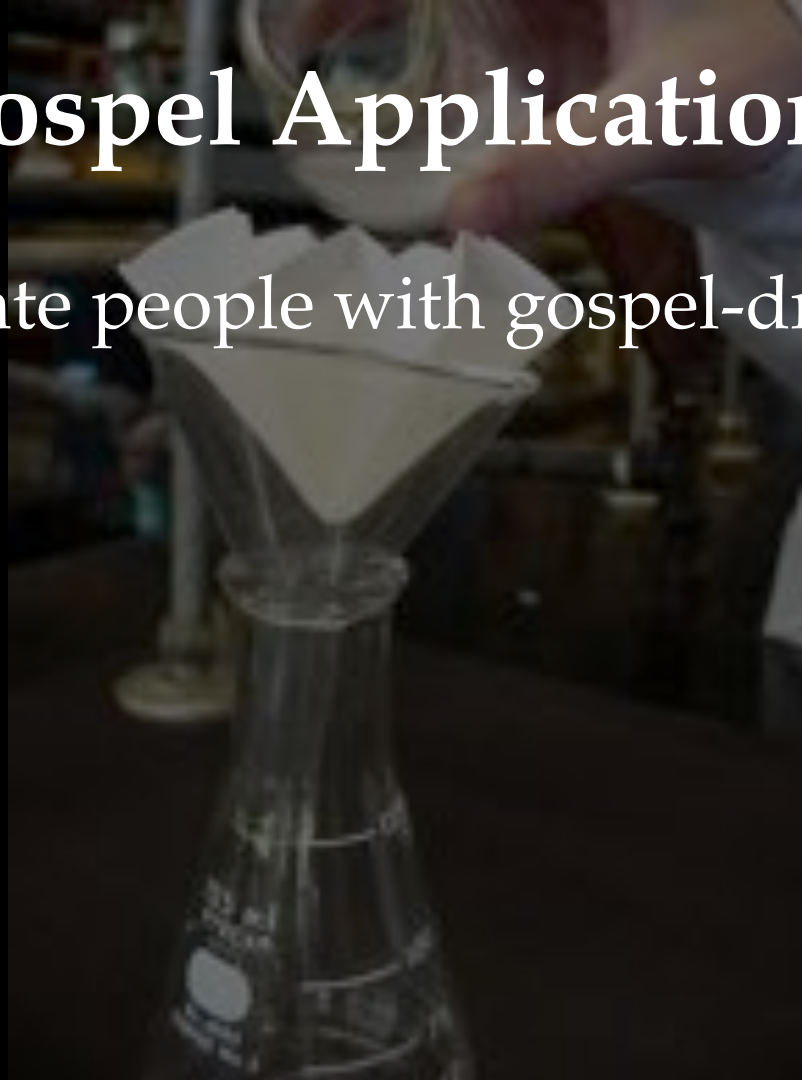
**Would I rather be loving
or right?**

Gospel Applications:



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Do I tolerate people with gospel-driven love?



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Do I have a single person I could say that I love deeply and yet disagree with on some important things?