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Mark 12:26-34 (NIV)

²⁶ “Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

³² “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”



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Community Begins with You

They know what it is like when they have to let go
Of people, of places, seeing children grow
They know the pain of losing grip
Uncertainty is always, a world on flip
They have a cry to return and reclaim
They have lived in the fire that called out your name
They know the pain that we now share
We can't be with anyone, not here, not there
We all cried already, a lot, too much
We all share in this pain so let's keep in touch.

We Need People

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. - Hebrews 12:1-3

I Know, They Know

I know what it is like when you have to let go
Of people, of places, of efforts, of flow
I know the pain of losing grip
I know of uncertainty when the world is on flip
I know there is a desire to return and reclaim
I know the heat of that fire that calls out my name
So I know there's a pain that we all share
When we can't be with the hurting, to sit, to bear
I cried already, a lot, too much
I can't stop thinking of the ones I can't touch

Keep the Fire Burning

The fire that was started on the altar must never be allowed to stop burning. Every morning the priests must put wood on the altar. They must arrange the burnt offerings on the wood, and they must burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. That fire must always be kept burning on the altar. It must never be allowed to stop burning. - Leviticus 6:12-13