**A New Normal Part Four - Love over Hate**

**Michael Jordan** said, "I stand with those who are calling out the ingrained racism and violence toward people of color in our country. We have had enough. **I don't have the answers,** but our collective voices show strength and the inability to be divided by others.”

**There is only one answer to racism and His name is JESUS!**

**BIBLE: Jesus said, in John 13:34**, 34“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

We don’t get to choose who we love.

**1 John 4:7-8**, “**7**Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8**Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Love has a name, Jesus.

**1 John 4**

9This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**1 John 4**

11Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

That means, we need to see people who are different than us as gifts.

**Matthew 5:44**, “love your enemies and pray for those who mistreat you.”

**Revelation 7:9,** “**9**After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. **10**And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

**Let us repent of the sin of racism, and choose LOVE over HATE.**