

*God has people on both sides
of many issues*

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During World War II, it is reported that some German soldiers who were committed Christians had their Bibles with them on the hills overlooking Normandy beach while the US forces, many of whom were also Bible-carrying Christians, were storming those beaches under the heavy German artillery. I have even heard personal accounts that in one case a German officer, upon seeing the invasion forces, asked his soldiers to kneel, bow their heads, and pray the Lord's prayer once more before taking their positions. Sometimes it's hard to imagine that God could have people on both sides of such issues who are sincerely praying for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done while standing in faith that their side is right. Perhaps this is one reason God encourages us to love our enemies and feed them when they are hungry, bless them when we feel persecuted, and never take personal glory in our victories but rather let all vengeance be His and His alone. Are there any issues within your community or nation which may have believers on both sides?

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, help me to have compassion on others even when they may not believe like I do or see things from my perspective. Teach me to treat others the same way I want to be treated, in Jesus' Name.

Scriptures for Today

Romans 14:1-7 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. (NKJV)