

THE PACE OF LOVE

PART THREE

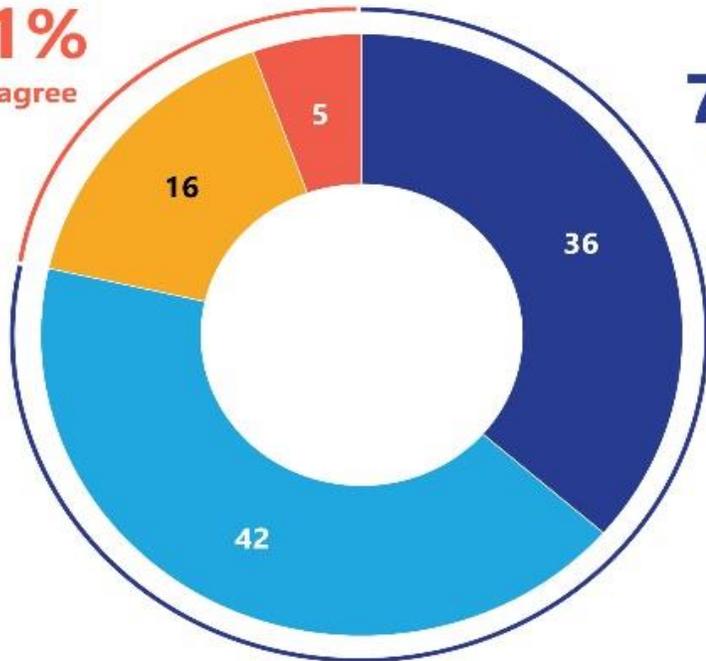


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1. Intro

Living in a Time of **Uncertainty**: Nearly Eight in Ten Say the World Is Changing Too Quickly

21%
Disagree



78%
Agree

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

The World Is Changing Too Quickly for Me, %, Average of 31 Countries, 2023

Source: GlobeScan Radar Trends Report (survey of 29,565 people in the general public across 31 countries and territories in July – August 2023)



“Research shows that the public across all regions and demographics – *almost 30 000 people in 31 countries* – largely feel that they cannot keep up with a fast-changing world: nearly eight in ten people worldwide (78%) believe that “the world is changing too quickly for me,” indicating an overall **sense of anxiety** in this current state of **polycrisis***.

People are feeling **overwhelmed** with the pace and intensity of change.”

*a time of great disagreement, confusion, or suffering that is caused by many different problems happening at the same time so that they together have a very big effect.

But when the World says
polycrisis, we say Jesus, the
Rock and the pace of Love.



ISA 60:1

ARISE, SHINE

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME



Matthew 7:24-27 | Build Your House on the Rock

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

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1. We know that we are loved

1 John 3:1 "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God."

→ We have to personally hear it from God

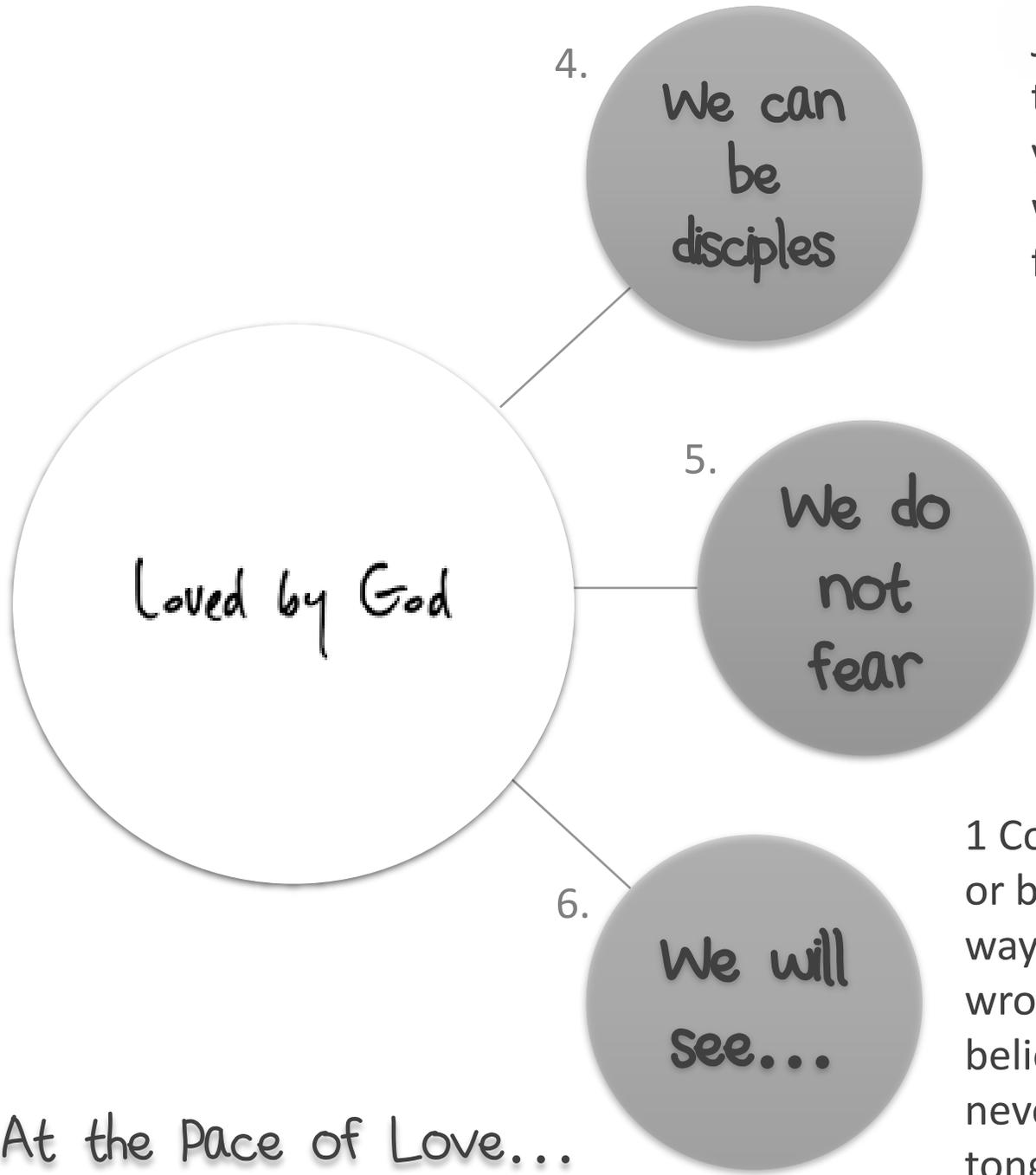
2. We walk like Jesus

John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

- Time with God | Desolate place
- Kindness
- Forgiveness

3. We can love

Fear is selfish, love is not
John 15:13 No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.



John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 4:18 "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love."

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

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2. Jesus and the Pace of Love:

2.1 What did His love and walk look like? [JESUS]

a. Jesus Stopped for the one:

- All through the Gospels
- Last week, Zacchaeus and the woman caught in adultery...

Matthew 18:12 What do you think? If someone has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, won't he leave the ninety-nine on the hillside and go and search for the stray?

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Mark 10:46-52 A Blind Man Healed

46 They came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, “Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!” 48 Many people told him to keep quiet, but he was crying out all the more, “Have mercy on me, Son of David!” 49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man and said to him, “Have courage! Get up; He’s calling for you.” 50 He threw off his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus answered him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” “Rabbouni,” the blind man told Him, “I want to see!” 52 “Go your way,” Jesus told him. “Your faith has healed you.” Immediately he could see and began to follow Him on the road.



ARISE, SHINE

Luke 7:11-17 Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

11 Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. 12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” 14 Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” 17 And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Apply –



1. **Stop I** Means stop what you are doing. Someone else is more important than the something that you are busy with...

Someone over something

2. If He stopped, **we are called to stop**

3. Are you open to **divine interruptions** so that love can flow
→ My plans submit to His love

Divine interruptions



b. He is always present:

- At the pace of Love, Jesus shows us He was and still is, totally present.
- **Are we present?**

At the Pace of Love...

Jesus and a smartphone



...nope

The lie :

“I have more important things to do than you”



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Luke 23:32-55 Crucified between Two Criminals

32 Two others—criminals—were also led away to be executed with Him.

33 When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. 34

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided His clothes and cast lots. 35 The

people stood watching, and even the leaders kept scoffing: “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One!”

36 The soldiers also mocked Him. They came offering Him sour wine 37 and said, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” 38 An

inscription was above Him: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 39 Then one

of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at Him: “Aren’t You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!” 40 But the other answered,



rebuking him: “Don’t you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? 41 We are punished justly, because we’re getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!” 43 **And He said to him, “I assure you: Today you will be with Me in paradise.”**

Practical...

This week at the Pace of Love

Someone over something

Divine interruptions



LET'S PRAY



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YOUR LIGHT HAS COME