



Hidden Figures

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No Distinction

1. Marginalizing people is commonplace and wrong

- God created all people in his image
- Don't give in to hate or fear

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us..." ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
Genesis 1:26-27 NLT

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Ephesians 3:28 NLT

He was despised and rejected - a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.
Isaiah 53:3 NLT

2. See the potential in every person

Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."
Mark 10:27 NLT

3. Break down barriers whenever possible

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.
Romans 12:2 NLT

4. Let love lead us

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment - to love one another - is the same message you heard before. ⁸ Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining.
1 John 2:7-8 NLT

*Every time we get a chance to get ahead
they move the finish line. Every time.*
~ Mary Jackson, *Hidden Figures*

Next Steps:

- ☐ Admit my problem with marginalizing people:

- ☐ Commit to break stereotypes and racism by showing love to all people
- ☐ Pray for me to love/forgive _____
- ☐ Commit to help _____ reach more of their potential in life
- ☐ _____