

We just heard Jesus say: "Love one another as I have loved you." This is the sign we are a disciple. Jesus loved Judas who betrayed him and handed him over to be crucified. Jesus loved Peter who denied knowing him. Jesus loved those who abandoned him in his time of suffering and need.

Mother Teresa's faithful witness while on earth was to love the sick, the aged, the dying, the rejects. She did this when no one else seemed to be around to reach out and offer care, compassion, concern or kindness.

Jane, a woman in her late 40's, had an abortion in her teens. She grew to regret her decision; to have remorse; and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jane has grown to embrace, accept, and love in her heart and soul, the one she earlier aborted. She calls the one she never bore, Grace. And Jane now celebrates the day Grace would have been born. Jane shares that she will love Grace always.

This week take a look into our hearts and memories. Is there someone we have written off, dismissed, rejected or abandoned as unworthy of our love? Is there any way to change that? With the Risen Lord's help, we can make a new decision....a new choice.

The Good News is: Jesus loves us always. Jesus loves us forever. Jesus loves us now.

My sisters and brothers, as disciples of the Risen Lord in 2010, will we do the same for one another?