

# VIBRANT AND VITAL LOVE | WEEK #02

The Space Between | January 7th

## WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

Oversimplification through either/or thinking leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT WISDOM DOES MATTHEW 10:16 OFFER US?

To be as shrewd as a snake, we need to create \_\_\_\_\_.

To be harmless as a dove, we must be \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Not ordinarily do men achieve this balance of opposites. The idealists are not usually realistic, and the realists are not usually idealistic." Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Being Tough-Minded and Tender-Hearted can bring \_\_\_\_\_  
into \_\_\_\_\_.

## DON'T MISS THIS!

Tough-Minded requires us to \_\_\_\_\_.

Tender-Hearted is to seek \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ resistance.

## HOW CAN I LIVE THIS IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

We must have the ability to hold the \_\_\_\_\_ as we seek \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

The both/and of peacemaking foster relationships both \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ the Fear of the Other allows us to work towards \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Get a copy of the book "Strength to Love" and read the sermons of Dr. King that are referenced each week.
2. I want more information about our Partners in Hope.
3. Send me more information about the Fresh Perspectives Group starting on January 25th.

## THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. King speaks of a Tough Mind and a Tender Heart. How do these qualities contribute to peacemaking? How can individuals cultivate them in their own lives?
2. Thinking of the concepts of both/and compared to either/or, can you think of an example from your own life where adopting a perspective of both/and could lead to better understanding and cooperation?
3. How can someone avoid falling into the trap of confirmation bias in today's information-rich but polarized world?
4. How can faith and spirituality be a source of both unity and division? How can one navigate these aspects in a diverse society?
5. How can the principles of both/and, seeking common ground, and promoting a Vibrant and Vital Love be applied in various social contexts, such as workplaces, educational institutions, or online communities.

