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Love is our BUSINESS card.
Faith is our CREDIT card.
Grace is our GIFT card.

*“Every GOOD and PERFECT gift is from ABOVE,
coming down from the Father of Heavenly Lights, who
does not change like shifting shadows.”*

—James 1:17

*“In the law, Moses commanded us to STONE such
women. What do you say? Jesus bent down and started to
write”*

—John 8:5-6

We love people when they least expect and least deserve it.

“God made Him who had no sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God.”

—2 Cor. 5:21

“NOW for a little SPACE GRACE has been shewed from the Lord our God, to give us a NAIL in the HOLY PLACE, that our God may lighten our eyes and grant us a LITTLE REVIVING.”

—Ezra 9:8

“When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them: Let anyone of you who is WITHOUT SIN cast the first stone.”

—John 8:7

“If we could read the SECRET HISTORY of our enemies, we should find in each man’s life even SORROW and SUFFERING to disarm all hostility.”

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“There are no ORDINARY people. You have never talked to a MERE MORTAL. It is IMMORTALS whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit.” Then Lewis adds this: “This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must PLAY. But our merriment must be of that kind which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously—no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption.”

—CS Lewis

The Pharisees saw a COMMON ENEMY.

Jesus saw our COMMON HUMANITY.

“At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, Sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared, “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

—John 8:9-11