

‘Overcome Evil with Good’: Reflections on the War in Ukraine

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. The author shares his reactions to the war in Ukraine. Do you have a personal connection with the war in Ukraine? What was your reaction to the invasion by Russia?
2. How did your spiritual community respond to the war in Ukraine? Did you take actions to help alleviate the suffering?
3. What can you do to keep the headlines that originally may have felt urgent from becoming mundane and remain impactful?
4. We see Old Testament passages discussing the actions that God has taken, putting Him on the side of the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. Have you personally experienced God being on the side of these groups of individuals?
5. The Author highlights a passage from Romans 12 that encourages the reader to “live at peace with everyone” and “honor one another”. After revisiting this passage, how can you apply these verses in your everyday life? At work? In your neighborhood? In wider friendships?
6. God shows no partiality and that all are equally deserving of respect, love and empathy. Examine your actions. Have you taken actions to directly help those affected by the war in Ukraine as well as other marginalized groups around the world?
7. Displaying the qualities of the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, and the peacemakers contributes to the bigger vision of God’s justice, How can you develop qualities of the “Kingdom people” described in Matthew 5? How can we encourage and celebrate this qualities in our communities?
8. What actions can you take today to participate in God’s justice?