

LOVE HAS THE FINAL WORD

1 Corinthians 16:15-24
1 John 4:7-12

A Church in Crisis

- Reports of bad behaviour
- Letter sent by the church asking for help

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- Division – Chapters 1-4
- Sexual Immorality – Chapters 5-7
- Relationships – Chapters 8-14
- Resurrection – Chapter 15

Disunity and disobedience
threatened the credibility of the church
to bear witness to
the Gospel of Christ.

Paul's response:
Centrality of Christ and the Gospel

- Division – All are servants of Jesus
- Sexual Immorality – Christ died to make all clean
- Relationships – Love one another
- Resurrection – The bedrock of hope and faith

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- Commends Stephanas and his household, Fortunatus and Achaicus
- Sends greetings from the church of Asia, Aquila and Prisca, and those with him
- Encourages them to keep greeting one another

If anyone has no love for the Lord,
let him be accursed.

1 Corinthians 16:22a

How to NOT love the Lord

Division

Disobedience

Dishonouring one another

How to love the Lord

Keep the unity

Live in obedience

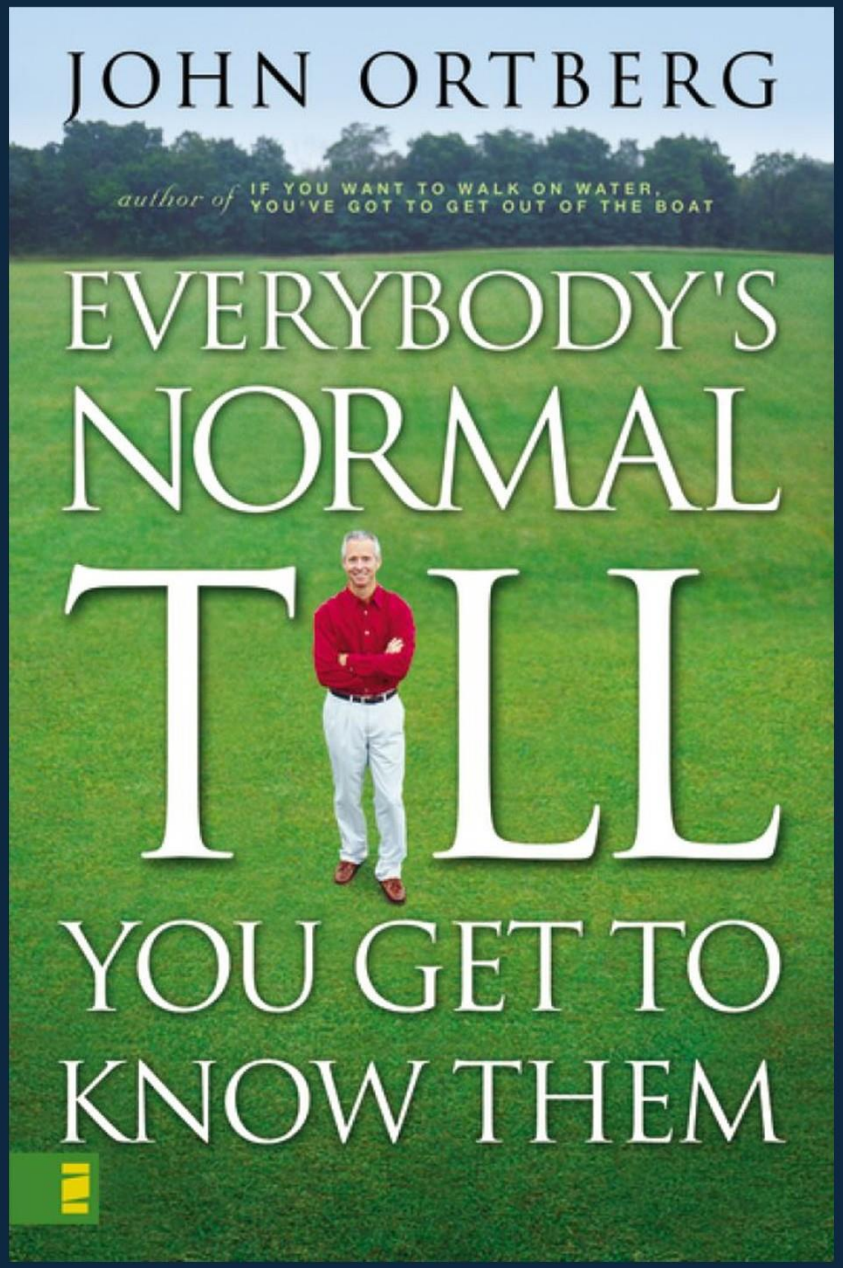
Love one another

Let all that you do be done in love.

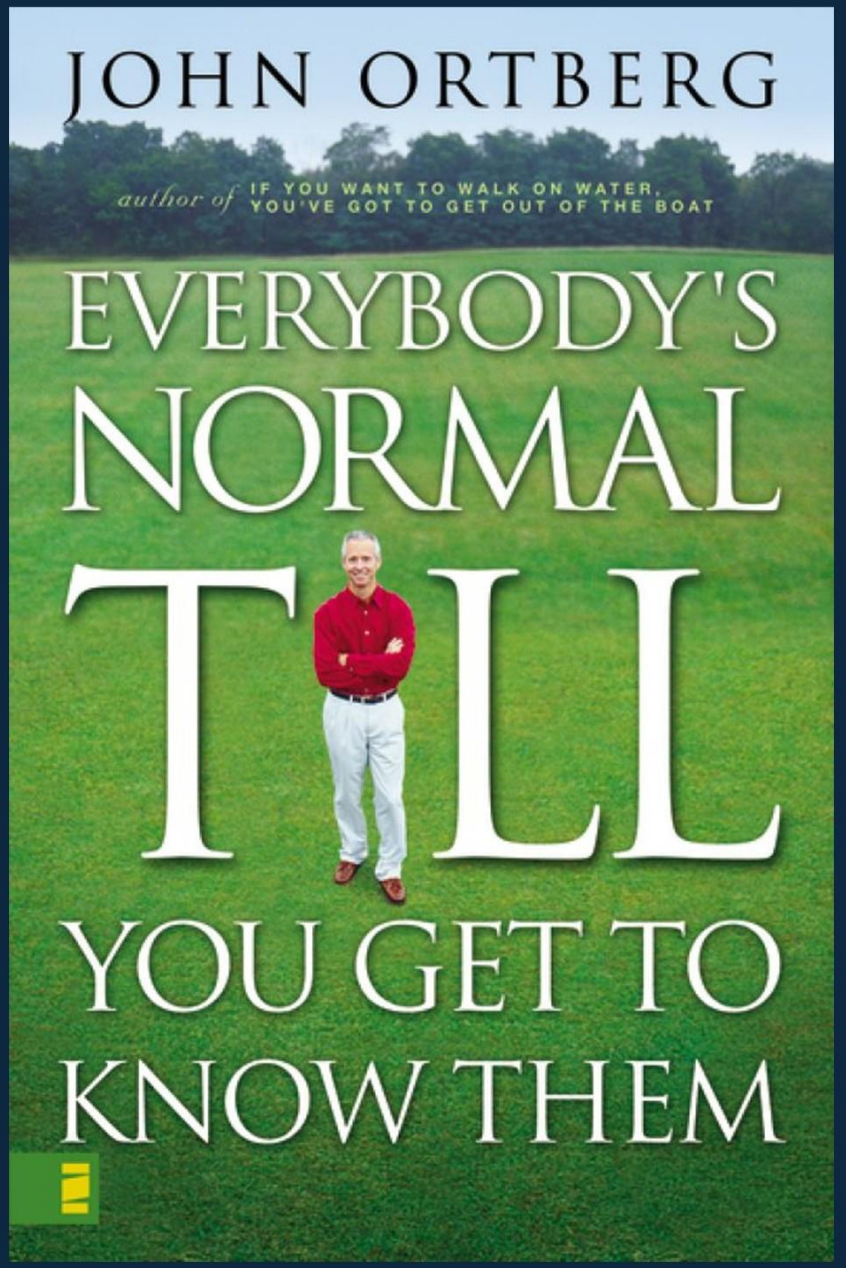
1 Corinthians 16:14

Don’t think less of yourself,
think of yourself less.

Rod Wilson


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author of IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT
EVERYBODY'S NORMAL TILL YOU GET TO KNOW THEM

The Secret of a Loving Heart: Gratitude



9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love – not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we
surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever
seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us,
and his love is brought to full expression in us.

1 John 4:11-12 (NLT)

My love be with you all
in Christ Jesus. Amen.

1 Corinthians 16:24



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