

"Do Not Hinder Love"
John 13:31-35, Acts 11:1-18
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Here is Mrs. Potato Head in the hospital. You may remember that last week she fell in her apartment at the Retirement Home. Nurse Fran and the doctors replaced her left ear, however they have needed to wait until next week to put her eyes back in. Potato eyes are always a complicated procedure.



"Your family is here to see you," said Nurse Fran. And in came her whole family. As usual Haman was teasing and Polly was crying.

"Ha, ha! Your shoes are on backwards!" teased Haman. "They are NOT!" cried Polly.



"Well, well, well! It is good to see you Mother Potato," said Mr. Potato Head. And then he turned to his Tater Tots and said "Remember that we talked about how to show love to your Grandmother? And to each other? We talked about no more teasing and no more crying? Do not hinder love!" And Polly's mother went over and helped her turn her mouth around.

It is so important to love each other. Jesus said that love is the most important action we choose to take. As it turns out, the Potato family really is very lovable.

But what about those who are NOT so lovable? What about those people, whom GOD loves, but we are so uncomfortable around, that we do not show them any love. I expect that God wants us to love them as well.

Like, maybe, Frank Hefelfinger, out in North Hollywood in CA. He lives so far away; it is easy to forget about him. Barabas tries to love him, but it is so much easier to love Uncle Floyd than it is to love his real father. Even the folks in Pastor Glen's church in CA are a little afraid to love Frank. After all, he was in jail and all! Who knows what terrible things he may have done?!

Actually, something really interesting happened this week for Frank. You know he already has a job at Disney Internet Group on Lenkershim Blvd in No Hollywood, but about a month ago he applied to be a part time grounds keeper at the ball park where the Los Angeles Dodgers play,

and yesterday he started work there and he got to say 'hello' to Joe Torre, the Dodger's manager!



And so Frank is excitedly telling his pastor, Pastor Glen about this good news! Pastor Glen loves Frank Hefelfinger. And Uncle Floyd and Mrs. Potato Head love Frank. And most certainly, GOD loves Frank Hefelfinger! So who are we to hinder love?

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