













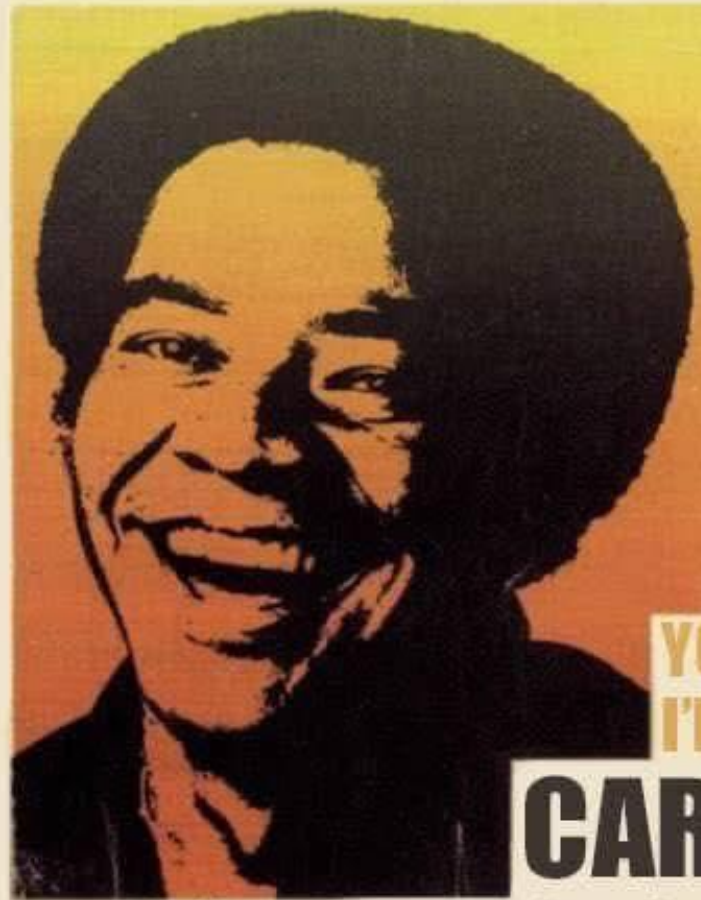
LET ALL THYAT
YOU DO BE
DONE IN LOVE

THE LORD
WILL MAKE
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FOR WE LIVE
BY THE SPIRIT
BY THE SPIRIT

WHEN GOD
ALL THINGS
BY HIS WORD

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**LEAN
ON ME
WHEN
YOU'RE
NOT STRONG**

**AND I'LL BE
YOUR FRIEND
I'LL HELP YOU**

CARRY ON

Bill Withers



Exodus 17:8-13

8 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. **9** Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”

10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. **11** As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. **13** So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

13 The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. 14 When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?" 15 Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. 16 Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws."

17 Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. 18 You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. 19 Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. 20 Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. 21 But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

22 Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. 23 If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

DECLARATION,

By the REPRESENTATIVES of the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
In GENERAL CONGRESS Assembled.

WHEN in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal Station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind require, that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former system of government. The history of the present King of Great-Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid World.

For protecting them by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us, in many Cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws, in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

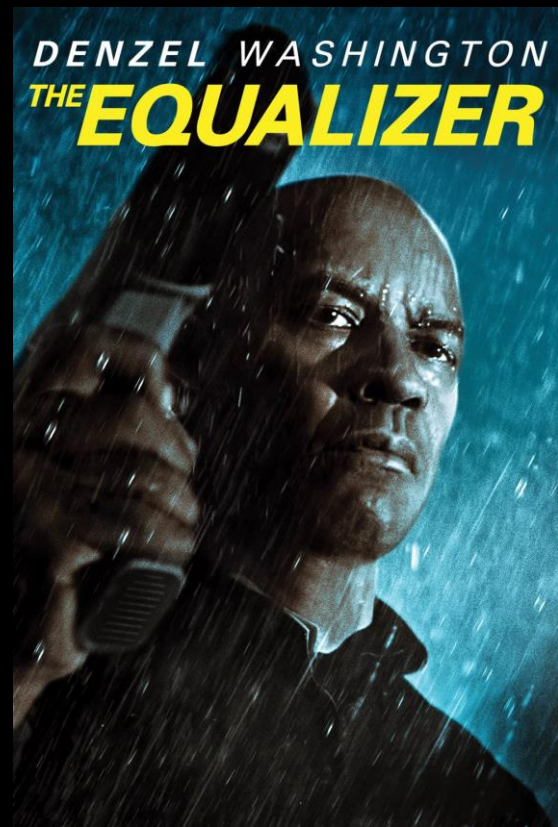
He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his protection, and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of Death, Desolation and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited Domestic Intestinations among us, and has endeavored to bring on



If we are always encouraged to be independent how this might affect our ability to recognize our need for dependence on God?

True maturity is not necessarily becoming more and more independent, but continually recognizing your dependence on God and others.

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1. learn from people who are not like us.

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2. have real relationships with others.

The sign of maturity within a community is not how little conflict it has, but how it handles the conflict it has.

Community allows us to...

1. learn from people who are not like us.
2. have real relationships with others.
3. receive from others, and that we "can't handle it alone."

Are there ways you need to let others
"share the load with you" and hold your
arms in the air?

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3. receive from others, and that we "can't handle it alone."
4. give to others.

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4. give to others.
5. grow closer to God.

**Do the people in your community draw
you closer to God?
Or do they pull you away from God?**

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4. give to others.
5. grow closer to God.
6. people to see more of what God is like.

The biggest indicator of having true community is whether or not others can know God more by being around us.

What is your next step?

