

John the Apostle and Thomas à Kempis *On Brotherly Love*

If a man say[s], I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar:
for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen,
how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
And this commandment have we from him,
That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.¹

Thy regard for thy friend ought to be grounded in Me;
and for My sake is he to be beloved . . .

Without Me friendship hath no strength, no continuance;
neither is that love true and pure, which is not knit by Me.²



¹ 1 John iv, 20-21, and John xv, 13 (KJV)

² Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*, Bk. III, ch. xlii; (THAT OUR PEACE IS NOT TO BE SET ON MEN)
— tr. Hoskins

