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Sermon Summary 2

After reading Rabbi Sacks sermon my interpretation of it that we and I are created in God's image even though we look different from one another. There is so much diversity in all the people that God created and that is what He wants me to know and learn to accept everyone as they are good or bad, because everyone is made by Him. Many times, it's hard accepting people for who they are because as human beings we tend to judge others by the way they look or their actions. No matter what Rabbi Sacks message is that God wants me love unconditionally even those that do us harm or evil because God is love and is merciful. Throughout my lifetime I have judged many and there is that saying "don't judge a book by its cover," in my experience when I have judged others by their looks or their actions, but when I get to know the person I realized that my perspective of the individual is completely wrong of what I had initially thought about them.

As for loving those that cause harm or pain is hard to do because there was a time I went through in experience. I was mugged by an African American when I was 19 years and 2 months pregnant with my first-born child. For some time, I felt some type of resentment towards African Americans, I felt scared whenever I was out on my own, and I would avoid being them. I didn't want to feel this way and I began to pray to God to heal me from that traumatic experience, and to also help me to forgive the person that such a harm to me. Deep down I knew it was wrong of me to feel the way that I did towards people of color. Today, I no longer carry that burden that I

once I had because God helped heal from it and I also forgave the individual that mugged me. I learned to pray for him and ask God to have mercy on him.

In ending this paragraph, I feel that we are who are, and God created me in His image, just as He created me He created everyone else. I'm not perfect, as a human I have my flaws, as much as I do my best not to "sin" or make "mistakes" I make them because I'm not perfect. And this is what I interpreted from Rabbi Sacks sermon and we are love everyone as they are.