

## **Love One Another by J.L.**

I stop by a local Wawa a few times a week for a coffee at the start of my 5:00 a.m. commute. I find it buzzing with people starting their workday. There are landscapers, road crews, construction workers, nurses, fuel haulers, business professionals, and many more. Their clothing ranges from worn work-boots and stained coveralls to fresh scrubs and white-collared shirts. Some are in their 20s grabbing some Gatorade, others are in their 30s ordering a burrito, some are over 60 picking up a sandwich while balancing a cup of coffee.

These patrons span all political, economic, social, cultural, racial, educational, and religious backgrounds. And if you believe the pundits, these patrons should be shouting at each other with disdain. But what I have experienced (100% of the time) are kind greetings, doors held for others, offers to jump-start dead batteries, and goofy workday cliches delivered with a smile.

So why am I writing this? Because I want to share with my church the positive human interactions, signs of decency, and caring humanity displayed by a group of strangers who share a few things in common: 1) they are all awake way too early, 2) they all have a tough workday ahead, and 3) they understand that everyone around them is in the same boat. Recognizing what we have in common, in any setting, makes following Jesus' command a little easier. (John 13:24)