

# The Long and Short of It

Jesse Jackson – civil rights activist, Baptist minister and politician – relates a story of a visit he made to the University of Southern Mississippi.

While touring the campus with the university president, he saw a towering male student, 6 feet, 8 inches tall, holding hands with a fidgety coed barely 3 feet tall. What a contrast – 6 feet, 8 inches tall and only 3 feet tall.

Jackson's curiosity piqued, he watched as the young man, dressed in a warm-up suit, tenderly kissed the tiny coed, and sent her off to class.

The president said that the student was a star basketball player. Both parents had passed away when he was a teenager, and he made a vow to look after his sister. Many scholarships came his way, but only Southern Mississippi offered one to his sister, too.

Jackson went over to the basketball star, introduced himself, and said he appreciated the way he was looking out for his sister. The athlete shrugged and said, "Those of us who God makes six-eight have to look out for those He makes three-three."

Wouldn't it be nice if every young person could have that kind of love for his or her siblings? And beyond family relationships, of loving others?

We should live lives of faith and look out for those we love.

Why did Christ come into the world? One reason and one reason alone: Because "God so loved the world."

We should be loving God and loving our neighbor all the year around.

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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter