



## Jean Vanier on Getting Involved

### Transcript

**Jean Vanier:** So then we begin to discover that people with disabilities have a particular gift, which is about relationships. Because their great cry is about relationships. And in a way that is a question with each one of us: Do you love me? So, on one side we're called to be a success, but on the other how to become people of relationship, people of peace where we welcome people who are different, different cultures, different... And the danger in any school is to put the accent on the winning and on the succeeding, rather than on the growing together to do something more beautiful. So the big question is, how to create an environment where we meet? And I think L'Arche is essentially that.

**Student:** I myself, when I was in elementary school, I was bullied. What advice would you give to people in terms of helping to deal with bullies?

**Jean:** I can't give an easy answer to that. All I know is that we must learn to help. You see, if a child has never really been respected and loved, maybe he'll think always that the only answer is power. So, how to help people to discover that their identity is not an identity of power, but their real identity is an identity of love.

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