

### **3-9-16 Tearing down walls**

It was 1987. President Ronald Reagan was in West Berlin and made his famous speech at the base of the Brandenburg Gate, near the Berlin Wall.

Just six days prior, Reagan had visited with Pope John Paul II, a pope whose Polish roots fueled the fires of religious freedom. The Berlin Wall was the symbol of difference between freedom and oppression.

So Reagan delivered his famous line, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall," and to the amazement of all of us, two years later the wall came down.

So another man, Jesus, encouraged us to tear down the walls that separate us from people.

What are those walls and who are those people.

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