



Love for Enemies

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Reflect + Discuss

- Do you have a favorite movie or TV show that revolves around the idea of retributive justice? Why do you think media like this is so appealing to us?
- Read Matthew 5:38-48. Which of Jesus' commands in this passage is most challenging for you and why?
- Have you ever witnessed someone loving their enemies, or experienced this in your own life? Share more about that experience.
- Read Matthew 5:48 and replace the word "perfect" with "whole". How does this change your perspective on what Jesus is saying in this verse?
- God is fully aligned in His actions, words, and thoughts towards His mission to transform his enemies into His children. Looking at your life, do all the things you do reflect a larger goal, or a belief about what you hold valuable? What would it look like to reflect God's wholeness by bringing more alignment to your own life?
- Pastor Charles describes the 3 examples given by Jesus in Matthew 5:38-42 as "kindness with an edge". How would your life look different if you reacted with this kind of kindness whenever someone insulted or hurt you? What steps can you take to help remind yourself to respond this way rather than with "an eye for an eye" mentality?

Dig Deeper

- To dig deeper into the teaching of loving our enemies, check out [this episode](#) of the Exploring My Strange Bible podcast.

Pray

- Reflect on Romans 2:4. Pray for the ability to see people the way God does, and to love them like He does, even if we would consider them our enemy.
- Spend time privately praying for those who you would deem your enemy.

Next Steps

- If you'd like to engage more on this topic, register for the Becoming Q&A: Love for Enemies webinar happening on March 13. Registration can be found in the Becoming [series resource page](#).