



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

LUKE 6:27



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In Ministry

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Luke 6:27-36 (Common English Bible)

27 “But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. **28** Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. **29** If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. **30** Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. **31** Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

32 “If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. **33** If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. **34** If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. **35** Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. **36** Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

Message:

"Facing Our Enemies (And We All Have Them)"

Open Worship: In this time of open worship, Friends take time to center down, wait on God to provide ministry to your soul and see if God wishes to use you as an instrument of grace.

Hymn:

O Day of Peace (Insert)

Benediction:

Postlude

Thoughts For Reflection:

"The enemy remains the enemy only as long as we have not yet fully seen the love of God. Feelings of hatred, rejection, jealousy, and resentment enslave us in our self-made prison of fear. We become the victims of our self-made enemy. But every time we are able to forgive, and no longer define ourselves over and against the other, we enter deep into the House of God, which is the House of Love. Love of enemies becomes the way to knowing God as the God of the first love."

(Henri Nouwen, "Following Jesus")

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Lord Jesus, free us this this morning from the many things that occupy and pre-occupy our hearts and minds. Help us to be mindful and attentive of how you are speaking to our condition this morning. May we open ourselves to your guidance, wisdom, and healing. Amen"

Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues #77

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: What Wondrous Love is This

Scripture: Luke 6:27-36

Hymn: My Jesus, I Love Thee #78
