

Turn in your Bibles to Luke 6

Jesus said: **Love your enemies.** – Luke 6:27

In **Leviticus 19**, God told Israel to love thy neighbor. There was some confusion regarding this question so Jesus was asked:

**Who is my neighbor?** – A lawyer desiring to justify himself asked Jesus that question.

Jesus responded with the famous story of the **Good Samaritan** to say that your neighbors are the people around you whether they are Jew or Gentile. You are to love them, **especially** when they are in need.

Jews had decided that this command to love a neighbor did not include **Gentiles or aliens**.

**Matthew 5:43**, Jesus said referring to Jewish tradition.

“You have heard it said love your neighbor and hate your enemy.”

The **conservative Jewish Essenes** taught...

“Love all that God has chosen and hate all He has rejected.”

They also wrote, “**Love** all the sons of light and hate all the sons of darkness.”

But Jesus says... **Love your enemies.**

This was radical to the Jews, but it shouldn't have been. God had already taught them to love their enemies in the OT.

They should have understood this already based on the **creation account**. We are called to love all people based on that fact that all people bear the image of God...the imago dei

**Exodus 23:5** – God tells his people practically how to love their enemies.

If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him.

Here, the enemy is referred to as the **one who hates you**.

**Job 31:29** – Job is defending his righteous conduct. **He says...**

<sup>29</sup> “If I have rejoiced at the ruin of him who hated me,  
or exulted when evil overtook him

<sup>30</sup> (I have not let my mouth sin  
by asking for his life with a curse),

Job says, “I have not desired the ruin of my **enemies**. I have not cursed them.”

**Even Job**, one of the most ancient characters in scripture, knew that it was wrong to hate your enemy or to wish ill upon him.

**Proverbs 5:21**

<sup>21</sup> If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,  
and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

<sup>22</sup> for you will heap burning coals on his head,  
and the LORD will reward you.

Love and do good to your enemies...and God will reward you. That's exactly what Jesus is saying in Luke 6.

### When Meeting a New Person

Usually, the person starts with a clean slate. You are neutral toward that person. If you don't get to know them that well, you remain neutral, and that person is just an acquaintance.

But **if you get to know** that person better, that relationship will often go in 1 of 2 directions. Either, you like them and start seeing them as a friend. Or, you dislike that person and start seeing them as an enemy.

Usually, we start with **neutral feelings** toward and acquaintance. There are some **exceptions**:

- **Racist** people label someone an enemy just because of the color of their skin – instantly they see that person in a negative light
- Some people will judge the **outside appearance** of a person and immediately draw negative conclusions based on a person's hair style, body weight, clothing, tattoos, piercings, etc.

But for the most part, we are neutral toward a stranger.

We **DON'T know** them yet. We don't love them. We don't hate them. **Time will tell** whether they will end up becoming a friend or a foe.

And the greatest enemies in our lives are usually NOT our acquaintances, but those who have gotten close to us and hurt us deeply.

You've heard the saying...

**Fool me once**. Shame on you. Fool me twice. Shame on me.

Basically... You burn me once. I'm going to take note of that. I'll be more careful when I'm around you. Or, I'll just not be around you.

You entered my life as neutral. There was potential for friendship. But you lost your chance.

Now, you leave my life as an enemy.

That's just normal human behavior, so **JESUS catches us off guard** when he says...

### Title: Love Your Enemies

In essence he says... **Burn Me Twice**

Because it seems TO ME that Jesus in Luke 6 is telling us to keep loving the people who hurt us. Keep putting ourselves out there. Keep allowing ourselves to be burned, to be mistreated, to be **taken advantage** of.

Let's not forget the context here.

Jesus has just said:

<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

Jesus is preparing his disciples to deal with a world that is going to hate them because of their faith.

First, he assures them that they will be blessed. There will reward for the sufferings they will endure for their faith.

**But this begs a question**: They are going to hate us. **How should we respond to those who mistreat us?**

How should we deal with these people who hate us and treat us so terribly?

**We might be tempted to...**

- **Hate** them back
- **Withdraw** from them – They hurt my feelings. They put me in danger. I'm not going to attack them because I'm a Christian... But if I at least withdraw then they won't hurt me again. BUT then I'll have **no opportunity** to share the gospel with them.
- **Annoy** Them – We engage with them in a way that is purposely irritating and annoying to them – **Here's the logic**. If I'm blessed for being persecuted, then the more persecuted I am, the more righteous I am.
  - Some Christians are purposely ABRASIVE. They don't even try to be winsome, **kind** or gentle with lost people
  - I wonder if they purposely trying to get non Christians **NOT** to like them
  - **Then**, they chalk it up to being persecuted for righteousness

Let me clarify: There are **no special rewards** for people who are persecuted for being annoying.

We are **NOT** called to

- Hate sinners
- To withdraw from them
- Or to purposely annoy them

We are called to **love them!**

Jesus begins...

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear,

Implying that there are **those in range** of Jesus who aren't really listening, who won't truly take his words to heart ... Perhaps there are those of you here this evening who will not hear Jesus out on this topic:

- Maybe you're just here for the **food**
- Maybe you feel that Jesus is asking too much...when he says to love enemies
- Or, perhaps this hits you too personally. You've been hurt so badly by someone else, and you just can't let it go. Your friends have told you to just write that person off.
- And, if your honest, you'd have to admit that you feel that Jesus was being a bit **unrealistic** when he said...**Love your enemies!**

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We're in **Luke 6:27-36**. I'm going to go over the structure of the passage and then I'll read it.

There are 3 main sections.

### Section 1: How to Love your enemies

- Jesus addresses his audience: "you who hear"
- Thesis statement: Love your enemies
- Specific examples of how enemies treat us and how we can love them in return

### Section 2: Love Your Enemies to Be Better than the World

- The world loves people that love them.
- If that's all you do, how are you any better than the world?

### Section 3: Motivation for Loving Your Enemies

- Here Jesus addresses the why
- He realizes that this command is very contrary to our nature
- We want to ask, "**Why** do you want us to do that?"
- He tells us why and gives us 3 motivations

We're just going to cover **Section 1** tonight...verses 27-31

## Read Text: Luke 6:27-36

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

### Section 1: How to Love your enemies (27-31)

We'll go there...We'll get practical on how to do this... **BUT** first let's identify them. Who are these **characters**? Jesus helps us to figure out who these enemies are. And, we can figure that out by how they treat us.

### What are these enemies like?

**They hate you:** They don't like you. They don't say nice things about you. When things go badly for you, they are happy. They want to see your friendships fail, your marriage fail. They want to see you lose your job, lose your house.

They want other people to hate you as well. They say bad things about you behind your back. They don't fight fair. They twist the story to make you look bad. Because they want other people to hate you like they hate you.

**They curse you:** When they talk about you, their language is rough. They may swear. They take the Lord's name in vain. Their hope is that destruction would come upon you and you would end up in hell.

When we're talking about  **cursing**, usually we are talking about eternal consequences. We've been told from childhood not say the words, "Damn you". Some worldly people say those words in gest. We do not. When you say those words, you are saying, "**May you go to hell** and be tormented there forever and ever."

But these people who hate you would rejoice at the thought of that happening to you.

**They abuse you:** They abuse your kindness. They take advantage of you physically, emotionally, perhaps even sexually. They berate you and say all kinds of terrible things about you to your face. They attack you and ridicule you.

**They physically and emotionally hurt you:** Jesus says they strike you. And, where do they hit you...The most personal intimate part of you. They strike you in the face.

It's painful to get hit in the gut. But it's humiliating and painful to get hit in the face.

I was at a party years ago. It was loud and fun, and everyone was milling about. I happened to be in the center of the room. Someone came up to me and just slapped me across the face.

Instantly, the party went silent. I was shocked. I was embarrassed. Immediately, I left the room.

**They steal from you:** In Jesus example, this person takes your clothing or your goods. Often, after a **robbery**, the victims will say, "**I felt violated.**" The thief entered a space that wasn't theirs. They rummaged through my stuff. They left everything a mess. They took my most valuable possessions.

**They beg from you:** These people use and abuse. And, they keep asking for more.

**My Uncle Wes** was this kind of a man. At his **funeral**, his sister-in-law, my Aunt Elona, told the story of how her husband, **Harvey**, had given Uncle Wes a **\$1,000**. Wes manipulated her husband. Wes made Harvey feel like he wasn't a good brother if he didn't give him the money. Then, Wes turned around and gave the \$1,000 to some girl who was a drug addict. That was all the money that Elona and Harvey had.

**Aunt Elona hated Uncle Wes**. He was her enemy. He was the reason they were broke. Wes was the reason there was so much anger and fighting in her marriage. She despised him.

But Elona is a godly Christian woman. By the power of Christ, she forgave Uncle Wes. She came all the way down from Eureka to go to his funeral. And, she rejoiced that at the end, Wes, had gotten his life right with the Lord.

These people beg from you. These enemies are muchers. They **take take take** and never give.

And, Jesus tells us how to deal with scumbags like them...

[NO CLICK] <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.

So... We've talked about how enemies treat us.

Now, let's consider:

### **How should we treat them?**

**Jesus says: Love them!**

John MacArthur says this addresses **not just** how we are to act toward them...BUT how we are to feel toward them. We are to **foster feelings** of kindness and care. We are to desire their good.

Our demeanor toward these people who treat us badly should reflect the words of

### **1 Corinthians 13**

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Duane Rea** was an elder at Grace Community Church. His son, who was faithfully serving the Lord, was a college student at the time. He worked at a market, and a man high on drugs came in to rob the place. Duane's son stepped in to protect his co-worker only to get killed himself. -- After that, Duane was eager to go to the **prison** and meet with the perpetrator. He loved his enemy and he went to the jail and graciously shared the gospel with the man who had killed his son. --- ***That's loving your enemies!***

**Jesus**, from the cross, looks down on the people who have crucified him and he says in

### **Luke 23:34**

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

First, we are to love our enemies. Next, we are to...

**Do good to them:** Study them. Learn what their needs are. Consider kind acts that they might appreciate. If they need food, clothing, money... give it to them. Send them a kind letter. Help them with a project. Ease their burdens. Lighten their load.

Love them. Do good to them. And...

**Bless them:** Seek to bring blessing and happiness into their lives. Bless them with kind words. Bless them with acts of service. Bless them with gifts. Seek to bring good to them. Seek to bring happiness to them.

**Pray for them:**

RC Sproul talks about **"The Pittsburgh Experiment"**. A group of Christians challenged believers to pray for 30 days for an enemy.

They said, "Think about that person that you dislike or that dislikes you. Perhaps that person is a co-worker, a family member, a neighbor. Choose the person that best fits the description of an enemy in your life, and pray for that person every day for 30 days.

***And then see what happens.***

It's an experiment. They tried it out in Pittsburgh and God did all kinds of amazing things.

**I challenge you.** Pray for 1 enemy for 30 days, every day, and see what God does.

One Christian had a bumper sticker on their car that read:

"I'm mad at the drunk driver who killed my son."

You think, "Of course." Who wouldn't be mad?

But imagine you saw a bumper sticker that said:

"I love and pray for the drunk driver who killed my son."

**Jesus** says: love them, bless them, pray for them... AND

**Allow yourself to be taken advantage of:** by them

- If they Strike you once... turn the other cheek
- They take your jacket. Let them take your sweater as well. --- But I'll be cold! That's right. That's part of loving enemies. You're going to suffer.
- Let them take your stuff and **don't** demand it back. – Don't call the cops on them. Don't go over to their house with a **baseball bat** or a gun. --- Just let it go. That stuff is now their stuff. --- They stole it from me, but **I'll give it** to them, and not fight to get it back.

Allow yourself to be taken advantage of... AND...

**Allow yourself to continue to be taken advantage of**

- After all the abuse and suffering you've endured, this person has the gall to come begging to you. **"Hey man, Can I borrow a hundred bucks?"**
- You know they'll never pay you back.
- They've **treated** you like garbage, but now when they're in need, **who** do they come running to?
- They've **already taken** their pound of flesh, and now they come back for more.
- They come to you for food, for shelter, for money.

Maybe you've heard **the speech**. Maybe you've said the speech.: **"You have spurned my advice. You've tarnished my name. Destroyed my reputation. Taken my belongings. AND When you're down and out, don't you come begging to me!"**

But Jesus says...

<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.

Apparently, we are **to hold** very loosely to our stuff ... and to our money.

Apparently, we are to care more about people than we care about our money and our stuff.

Apparently, we are to show kindness and love even to people who have continued to mistreat us, and who may continue to do so.

Now, **Jesus** does give a **caveat**. If someone comes begging to you, you have to make sure that person fits a certain description, before you just go doling out the cash.

Jesus tells us which beggars to give to:

Give to **everyone** who begs from you.

So, as long as they fit into that category of "everyone", then you know that's a beggar you should give to.

### **Be ready to give...**

- Have some food on hand.
- Have some cash in your wallet.
- Be ready to give to the beggar.

**Oh, that drives me crazy!** I'm too practical for that. I **don't** want to throw my money to the wind. I **want** to invest in a winner. I have strict rules that must be met before my **generous heart** unlocks the dead bolt on my bank account.

But Jesus does away with all of qualifications: Give to everyone who begs from you!

"That **loser family member** is on hard times again. I know he's comin' knockin' at my door." – Yep! Give to him.

The **homeless family** standing outside Costco – give to them

The **vagabond** that's begging on the freeway offramp while he smokes a joint – him too

**NOW...** I do think there truly are **2 caveats here**:

**Verse 31** gives us the only spoken statement from Jesus that might serve as a qualifier:



<sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

### **1) Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Or, in this context, love your enemy as you love your love yourself.

***Let love guide you.***

Not stinginess.

But truly think about what would be the most loving thing you could do for that person.

I think there is also an **unspoken caveat** here:

### **2) Consider how much you should give.**

Jesus doesn't say exactly how much to give. --- He says in no uncertain terms that you are to give. You are to love, to bless and pray for your enemy.

If your enemy is **short \$400** on the rent, should you give him the full \$400? **or part** of that amount? I don't know. You'll have to lean on the Holy Spirit for direction. You also need to make sure that you can still provide the basic needs for **your own household**.

**Usually...** We're not afraid that if we give our kids won't eat.

Often, we fear that if we give, we will be just wasting our money. That guy is going to **waste my resources** so why should I give to him?

But I must consider,

### **How often have I wasted the resources that God has given me?**

I've wasted my time, energy, and finances. And, yet he keeps giving me more. He keeps lavishing me with his love.

Sometimes, it seems that God wastes so much on me. --- And yet, little by little, his generous love, his unconditional love ... is changing me.

KNOW THIS: **God can use** your unconditional love to transform the hearts and lives of those who mistreat you and who beg from you.

This is one of the key differences between God and everyone else.

**Grace** - Everyone else treats people the way they deserve or worse.

But God gives grace. He treats us much better than we deserve.

### **Romans 5:8**

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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And, God wants us who are the recipients of his grace to be different than the rest of the world.

### Section 2: Love Your Enemies to Be Better than the World

Yes, there should be a difference between the way you live and the way people live who are **NOT** followers of Christ.

Jesus says...

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

You're just being like the world. Anyone can do that.

Even the godless of this world love people who love them back. Even terrible, downright evil people are nice to their friends.

<sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

No. Jesus is calling us to a much higher standard. A standard that seems ridiculous and outlandish. He's calling us to a kind of love that seems reckless to us.

He's calling us to leave the 99 and go after the 1.

He's calling us to reach out to those who are messed up and struggling. To love those who can't or won't love us back.

<sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.

**Yeah but...** There's enough decent people to love in this world. I have a hard time having enough time and resources to love my friends. **Why** should I waste them on my enemies?

### Section 3: Motivation for Loving Your Enemies

Why should we do this? Because Jesus said to. I think that should be motivation enough.

But Jesus gives us some additional motivation. ***Something's in it for you.***

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Jesus gives us 3 reasons to love our enemies. He gets our attention at #1.

### **1) Great reward**

In verse 35, Jesus says that we should give **expecting nothing in return**. By that, he means that we should expect nothing in return from that person.

But we should expect something in return from God. You start loving like this, and your reward is going to be MASSIVE. You will have great reward in heaven.

You will look back on every time you have loved those who used and abused you, and you will say: It was worth it!!!

You might say. I don't really care about heavenly reward. As long as I make it to heaven that's all that matters to me.

2 comments for you:

1. **How foolish!**: Jesus cares about heavenly rewards. He wants you to have them because they are unbelievably delightful and worth striving for.

Jesus knows how amazing these heavenly rewards are. He seeks to motivate you to good works by telling you about these heavenly rewards.

He commands you to work for these heavenly rewards. He says, "Store up for yourself treasures in heaven."

He doesn't say: Please store up

He doesn't say: What do you think about storing up

No he gives the IMPERATIVE: Store up!

2. I think... **Heaven is on the line here**: Jesus next motivator is...

### **2) You will be sons of the Most High**

You want to know if someone is really a Christian? Watch how they treat their enemies. Listen to how they speak about their enemies.

If you love your enemies, you will prove truly that you are a Christian.

**Now, this is not salvation by works.** We are saved by grace through faith.

We are saved to a faith that instantly starts producing works. And one of those works... Possibly, the great acid test of true faith is: Does that person love his enemies?

Jesus says, "If you do these things, not only will you get a great reward that is totally worth every sacrifice you have ever made for the kingdom of God... but also you will be a Son of the Most High.

It is the sons that get in to the kingdom of God. It is the children of God, and only the children of God who make heaven.

### **1 John 3:1**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

### **Romans 8:13-14**

If by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

### **Romans 8:19**

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

And, how are those sons revealed? They are revealed each time a new believer starts forgiving those who have hurt them. Each time a baby Christian starts loving her enemies.

### **James 2:26**

Faith without works is dead.

True faith. Saving faith. Results in born again Christians who start loving their enemies.

Jesus gives 3 reasons: Great reward, you'll be a Son of the Most High, and

### **3) You will be acting like your Heavenly Father**

If I'm living like this... If I'm loving my enemies like Jesus taught me to, this gives me assurance that I have a living faith.

Also, it gives me assurance that I'm becoming godly. I'm becoming more like my God. More like my Heavenly Father.

**Like Father, like son.** Oh, how I want that to be true of me!

If you live like this, it will be clear who your Father is.

The stingy Pharisees argued, "We have Abraham as our Father."

But Jesus said, "You are sons of the devil."

In the final analysis, it is very important who your father is. And, you will see your father's character manifesting in your life.

If you read this passage about the kind of love that Jesus wants us to give to our enemies, and you bristle. It upsets you. You want to find a way out. You don't want to love your enemies. You just want to love your friends.

Then, maybe you need to question: Who is your father?

And then pray, ***Oh Heavenly Father thy will be done in my heart. Make me more like you. Cause me to forgive those who have trespassed against me like you have forgiven my trespasses against you. Lead me not into temptation but deliver me from evil ... that I may prove to be a son of the Most High.***

There are some Enemies that we are NOT to love. Actually, there are 4, and there are only 4:

- sin
- death
- world
- devil

But when it comes to people, Jesus leaves no room for doubt. When someone says, "I don't have to love that person. They have hurt me too bad." --- Jesus plays the trump card.

He says love your enemies.

By my sin, I made myself an enemy of God.

Jesus could have easily said: "Burn me once. Shame on you. Burn me twice. Shame on me."

But he didn't.

With my sin, I made myself an enemy of heaven. Jesus didn't have to give you a second chance. But he did!

He gave his life on the cross to save me. While I was in rebellion against him, he chose to love me, to die for me, and to save me from my sin.

Jesus is the ultimate lover of enemies. And, I am the ultimate recipient of undeserved love. I am the enemy who has received a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> chance.

I deserve the gallows, but I get grace.

You ask CJ Mahaney how he's doing. He'll say, "Better than I deserve."

In essence, I know what I deserve. But I'm getting grace.

I made myself his enemy, but he loved me still. He made me his friend. He made me his child. And, he has lavished me with his love.

To the shock and awe of the angels in heaven, God in his sovereignty has chosen to something that everyone would say is outlandish.

He has lavished his love upon his enemies.

And, in so doing, he has transformed them into the children of God.

Now, if it was just me asking you to love your enemies. I get it. You wouldn't put much stock in that.

But it's not me. The love of your soul.

Jesus is saying, "While you were yet a sinner, I died for you. When you hated me and did everything you could to hurt me, I gave my life to save you from the mess you have made of yourself. Will you do something for me?"

- Will you love that husband or love that wife that sometimes seems like an enemy?
- Kids, will you love that brother or sister that has hurt your feelings? Taken your stuff? Broken your toys? Said mean things to you? --- Will you keep loving that sister? That brother?
- Some of you have been deeply hurt by a friend or family member. Or, a parent who scarred your heart. That person's face comes to mind, and instantly you are filled with hatred.

Yeah, but...

Consider your track record and consider who is asking you to love your enemies.

Jesus gave you life. You spurned his wisdom. You disobeyed his commands. You committed treason against the high king of heaven.

Jesus is asking you, "Will you forgive that person? Will you have compassion on that person? Will YOU love your enemies like I have loved you?"

#### The Process of Forgiving Someone Who Has hurt You Deeply

- 1) Acknowledge your hurt and your hate
- 2) Ask God to change your heart and help you to forgive
- 3) Consider things from that person's perspective --- consider the hurts they have had, their childhood, their challenges
- 4) Pray for that person
- 5) Seek opportunities to show love to that person --- Love your enemy!

A man got marriage counseling from his pastor. "I want to divorce my wife," he said. "I can't stand her."

The pastor responded, "I think you're out of luck, brother. The Bible says to love your wife."

It's not saying that you need to feel warm fuzzies toward her.

In the Bible, more often the word LOVE is NOT a noun, but a VERB. You need to act loving to her...no matter how you feel about her.

"But Pastor, I can't live with her any longer. I just can't take it."

The pastor tried to talk him down off the ledge, "Why don't you separate for a time and move into the house next door? The Bible says, 'Love your neighbor.' You can try that for a time."

"But pastor, you don't understand how she treats me. She is so negative, judgmental, and disrespectful to me. I am at completely enmity with my wife."

"Oh, so your wife has become your enemy."

"Yes, now can you understand what I'm dealing with here?"

"Yeah, I see. The Bible says to love your enemies."

Jesus says...love them. He says...