

Loving the Unlovable

Luke 6:27–36

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TAKE A MOMENT.

**Who in your life
is unlovable?**

DISCIPLESHIP

What does it cost to follow Jesus?

Luke 5: *Called.*

Luke 5: *Healed.*

Luke 6: *Named.*

Luke 6: **Commanded — love your enemies.**

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."

"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. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 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."

"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. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

T H E P R O B L E M

Who is an enemy?

Jesus tells us in his own words:

Those who hate you.

Those who curse you.

Those who abuse you.

Those who strike you.

Those who take from you.

L U K E 6 : 2 7 - 3 0

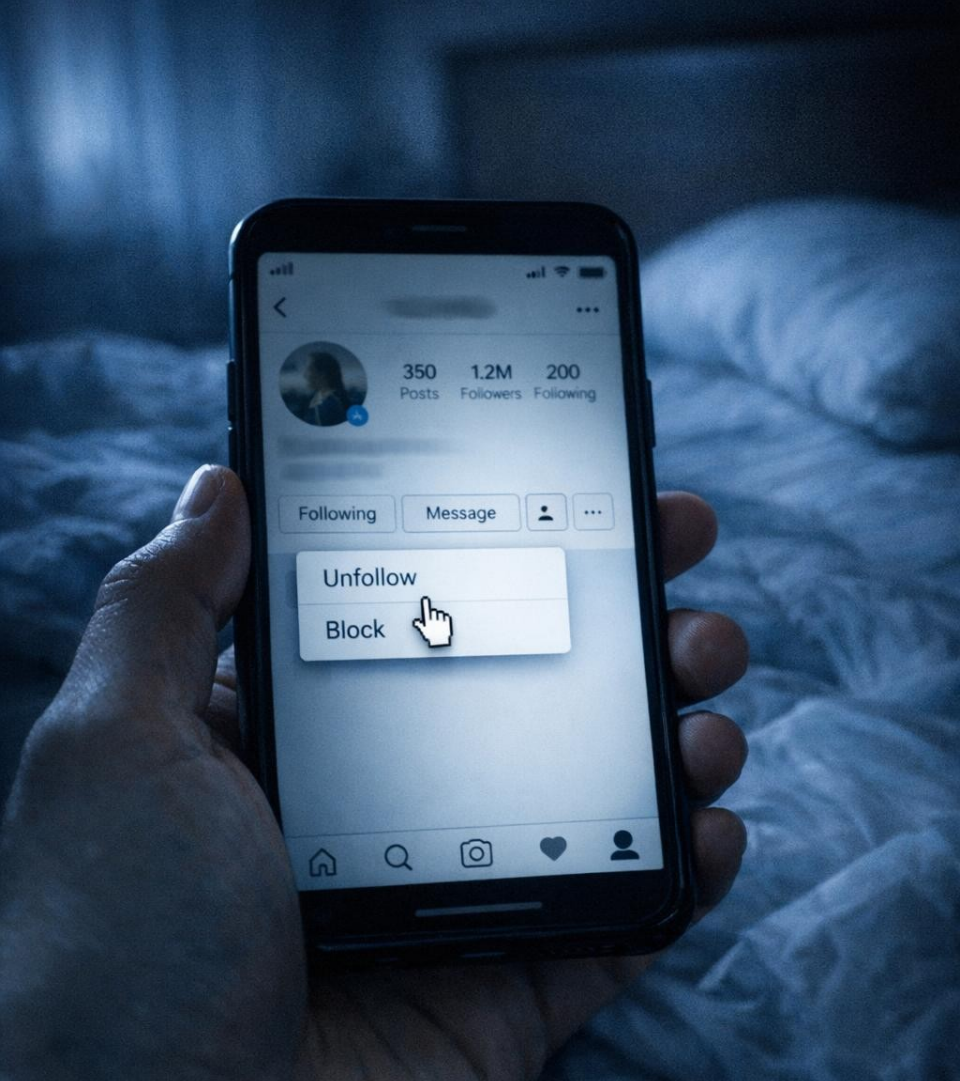
T H E L A D D E R

**How do we usually deal with
enemies?**



R U N G 1

Revenge



R U N G 2

Avoidance



R U N G 3

Professional

J E S U S ' S D E M A N D

What Jesus actually asks.

What does Jesus say?

Love > **Do good** > **Bless** > **Pray**

Enemies > Haters > Cursers > Abusers

4 commands × 4 objects

A P A S T O R A L W O R D

But is this justice?

*"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God,
for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'"*

R O M A N S 1 2 : 1 9

Jesus takes vengeance out of your hands.

He does not take justice out of God's hands.

The Cheek

Refusing to retaliate when shamed.

"To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also."

L U K E 6 : 2 9 a

Cloak: *the protected garment.*

Tunic: *the last garment.*

*"From one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic
either."*

L U K E 6 : 2 9 b

Give to Everyone

Open hand. Free heart.

"Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back."

L U K E 6 : 3 0

The Golden Rule

Freed from the scoresheet.

"As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

LUKE 6 : 3 1

This is impossible.

Listen to Jesus's question:

v.32 — *"If you love those who love you, what **benefit** is that to you?"*

v.33 — *"If you do good to those who do good to you, what **benefit** is that to you?"*

v.34 — *"If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what **credit** is that to you?"*

Three times. Same Greek word. χάρις.

χάρις

= grace

Three times Jesus asks:

"Can you even call that grace?"

v.32 · v.33 · v.34

You think you're loving like a Christian.

**Jesus says you're loving like everyone
else.**

Who is the enemy?

*"For while we were enemies, we were reconciled to
God by the death of his Son."*

R O M A N S 5 : 1 0

He tore it up for you.

F A M I L Y D N A

Now — how do we love our enemy?

"He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil."

L U K E 6 : 3 5



**"Be merciful, even as your Father is
merciful."**

LUKE 6 : 3 6

γίνεσθε

— be becoming.

You're already his child.

You're still growing into looking like him.

Family DNA

THE WORLD'S WAY

"I love because you love me."

THE FATHER'S WAY

"I love because I am loved."

Where are you?

T H E H E A R T O F C O M M U N I O N

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

R O M A N S 5 : 8