



# LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Luke 6:27-36 | May 8, 21 | Pastor Michael Foster

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## Key points for the series:

- We all have something in our ear!
- What aims for your ear, aims for your heart!
- If we're not hearing Jesus, it's not because He has a speaking problem but because we have a listening problem!

**“Love your enemies”**

## Say what?

- You will have “enemies” when you follow Christ
- You can choose loving action
- You can choose loving inaction

## Say how?

- Do what you would want done to you
- Do better than those who don't know better
- Do what God has done for you

*(\*Oh by the way: This is not hard, but impossible!)*

## FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

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- Spend four weeks (6 chapters each week) reading the Gospel of Luke every day.
- Meditate on Luke 27:36, Romans 5:6-11, Romans 12:9-21, 1 Peter 3:8-16
- Read *Christians at Our Best* by Ed Stetzer
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFHdskc5afk&list=PLI4Taq\\_ztDlvv8HScbFeL7\\_05wpSPChBr](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFHdskc5afk&list=PLI4Taq_ztDlvv8HScbFeL7_05wpSPChBr)
- Read “Loving Your Enemies” - [www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/loving-your-enemies/](http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/loving-your-enemies/)
- Read “Chik-Fil-A’s Lesson on Loving your Enemies” - [www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/february-web-only/chick-fil-as-lesson-on-loving-your-enemies.html](http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/february-web-only/chick-fil-as-lesson-on-loving-your-enemies.html)
- Listen to “Love your enemies” - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsSB5OLPELE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsSB5OLPELE)

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

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1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. As we begin this “Hearing Jesus” series, what is something Jesus said in the gospels that has meant a lot to you over the years?
3. What are some “voices” you may want to turn down during this season as you seek to turn up the volume of Jesus’ voice in your life?
4. In what ways do you see the “enemy making machine” affecting society? The church? Your heart?
5. In general, how has Jesus’ love for you changed the way you love others?
6. What are some specific ways Jesus loved His enemies throughout the gospels?
7. Read Romans 5:6-11. What do we learn from this passage?
8. Read Ephesians 4:29-5:2. How does this passage help us as we seek to model the radical love of Jesus?
9. Describe a time when someone showed you kindness when you didn't deserve it? How did this affect your heart toward them? Toward God?
10. Is there any conversation you need to have with God or with others after hearing this message today? How can others pray for you as you seek to respond to God's word?