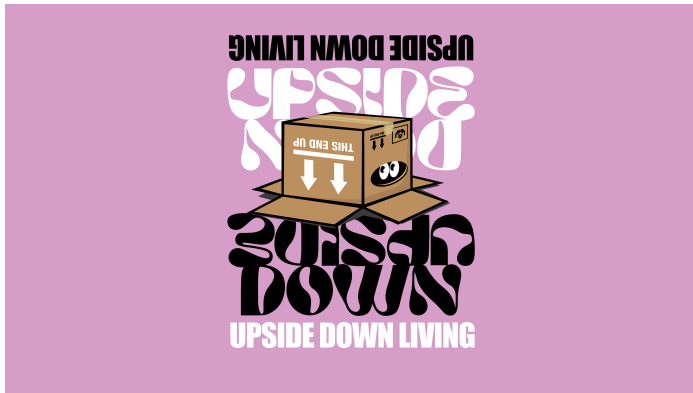


MESSAGE NOTES



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²⁷ But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you.

²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. ³⁰ Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. ³¹ Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

³² "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them!" ³³ And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! ³⁴ And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.

³⁵ "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and

wicked. ³⁶ You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate."

Luke 6:27–36 (NLT)

We should make the Bible our primary guide in interpreting its meaning.

In this teaching, Jesus is correcting a serious error by using an extreme illustration.

There is a difference between taking something literally and taking it seriously. (see, for example, Luke 14:26 and Mark 9:43)

Two big takeaways in this passage that true followers use to guide their relationships:

1. Love your enemies and do good to them.
Repeated twice!

[This doesn't mean ignoring wrongs but should guide how we deal with them.]

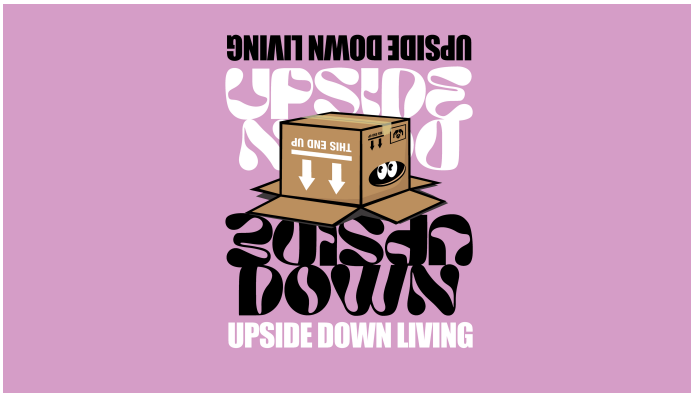
2. Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

Why? To be part of Jesus' mission "to help all people become fully devoted followers".

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

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TAKE HOME SHEET



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Read the passage (Luke 6:27-36) through a few times – out loud is best if it isn't too embarrassing!

Verse 31 says, *“Do to others as you would like them to do to you.”* In our current social climate, we don't see this playing out much.

How do you want to be treated by others?

What gets in the way of you treating others the same way?

When Jesus says, “Love your enemies,” what is your initial reaction?

In what ways did Jesus show love to His enemies?

Hint: *“for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked”* (Luke 6:35)

Think about how Jesus has loved you. How can His example guide how you love others – even those you consider enemies?

What is one specific way you can apply this week's message?