

How To Receive Christ's Love So Deeply It Overflows to Others:

- 1) **See** and **Savor** How Much Christ Has Loved You. Rom.5:8
- 2) Spend Time **Living** in the Love of God. John 15:9; Eph.3:16-19
- 3) Let Christ Heal the **Wounds** Inside You. Ex.6:9; Ps.147:3-4; Ps.34:15, 18-19
- 4) Remember That Loving Enemies Is **Not** the Same as Approving Evil. Luke 5:29-32; Matt.21:12-13; Luke 4:28-30
- 5) **Pray** for People You Struggle to Love. v44b
- 6) Ask the Holy Spirit to **Produce** His Love in You. Gal.5:16, 22
- 7) Keep **Looking** at the Cross. Luke 23:34

Growing Notes

What stands out to you most in Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:38-48? What part feels encouraging? What part feels challenging?

Why do you think our natural response to mistreatment is often revenge, bitterness, defensiveness, or withdrawal? What usually happens in your own heart when someone hurts or disrespects you?

Jesus says to "love your enemies" and "pray for those who persecute you." What do you think biblical love for enemies actually looks like in everyday life? What is the difference between loving someone and approving of their behavior?

Why is it impossible to truly live out Matthew 5:38-48 through human strength alone? How does receiving Christ's love empower us to love others differently?

Jesus loved us while we were still sinners and enemies of God. How does remembering the gospel help us release bitterness and extend grace to difficult people? What are some practical ways we can "abide" in the love of Christ daily? Pray.



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JUNE
3

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SUMMER
BIBLE STUDY

4 weeks in June
Register online
Childcare provided

JUNE
8-12

ANOMALY
JUNIOR HIGH
CAMP

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JUNE
12

PARENT'S
NIGHT OUT

5:30-9:30pm

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JUNE
20-26

ANOMALY
HIGH SCHOOL
MISSIONS TRIP

Register online

JUNE
20/21

FATHER'S DAY
WEEKEND

Free
Root Beer Floats

JUNE
26

LOVE YOUR
MARRIAGE

Dinner & Date Night
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JUNE
28

BLOOD DRIVE

8am – 1pm

In the church
parking lot.

JULY
4

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ON
SATURDAY

4:30-6pm
Community Hall

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- >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.



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KINGDOM CULTURE
The Gospel of Matthew
“Radical LOVE” (Matthew 5:38-48)

Ray Davis

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to love people who are kind to you – and how difficult it is to love people who wound you, frustrate you, disrespect you, or oppose you?

In The Gospel of Matthew 5:38-48, Jesus gives one of the most challenging teachings in all of Scripture: do not retaliate, love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you.

Jesus is not merely teaching better behavior. He is inviting us into a completely different kind of heart – a heart transformed by the love of God. Because the truth is: We cannot consistently love difficult people until we are deeply rooted in the love Christ has for us.

How to Respond to People Who Mistreat Us: vv38-42

- 1) **Refuse** Personal Revenge. v39a
- 2) Respond to Insults with **Humility**. v39b
- 3) Be Willing to **Suffer Lose** Rather Than Return Evil. v40
- 4) **Go Beyond** What Is Required. v41
- 5) Live **Generously** Toward Others. v42

How To Treat People We Naturally Dislike (Enemies): vv43-48

- 1) **Love** Your Enemies. v44a
- 2) **Pray** for Those Who Hurt You. v44b
- 3) Reflect the **Character** of the Father. v45
- 4) Love **Beyond** Human Nature. v46
- 5) Grow Toward **Mature** Love. V48