# **Once His Enemy**

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## Big Idea: Jesus saves the unlikely and uses the ordinary to fulfill His purposes.

#### I. Jesus saves the unlikely (vv. 1-9)

- 1. Jesus pursues His enemies (vv. 1-2)
- 2. Jesus pursues with grace (vv. 3-9)

Romans 10:13 | "For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### II. Jesus uses the ordinary (vv. 10-19a)

- 1. God uses ordinary disciples (vv. 10-12)
- 2. God uses ordinary disciples, even when they question Him (vv. 13-16)
- 3. God uses ordinary disciples to minister to others (vv. 17-19a)

## III. Jesus gives new purpose (vv. 19b-31)

- 1. Proclaim the gospel (vv. 19b-22)
- 2. Persevere in hardship (vv. 23-25)
- 3. Pursue the mission together (vv. 26-30)

## **Benediction**

**2 Corinthians 5:17–18** | "17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;"