

**“Who You Gonna Trust?”**  
**Romans 12:19-21**  
**Romans 12: Devoted to Service**

Romans 12:19-21 - “Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

**1. You are not God.**

Romans 12:19a – “Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God...”

Definition of avenge: to carry out justice.

**2. It’s not your place to avenge.**

Romans 12:19b - “Vengeance is mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

Deuteronomy 32:35 - “Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly.”

Deuteronomy 32:36a says, “For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants...”

**3. Your place is to obey.**

Romans 12:20a - “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink...”

Joshua 1:9

Psalms 145:18

Proverbs 30:5

John 10:10

Hebrews 13:8

1 Peter 5:7

Numbers 23:19

Psalms 23

Isaiah 41:10

#### 4. You are called to love.

Matthew 5:44 – “But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:46 – “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

Matthew 5:46 - (The Message) “If all you do is love the loveable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that.”

Romans 12:20b – “for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

1 Peter 3:17 – “For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil...”

2 Peter 3:9 – “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

1 Peter 4:8 - “Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

Romans 12:20b - “...for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1.) What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
- 2.) Do you find it easy or difficult to trust others?
  - a. Do you find it easy or difficult to trust God?
- 3.) How can you continue trusting God even when He doesn’t do things the way you think He should?
- 4.) Are you someone who holds a grudge or forgives easily?
- 5.) Who is someone hostile towards you? How can you show them love?