



**May 7, 2023 | Pastor Tanner Huss**

**Luke 6:27-36 | *Fight, Flight, or Forgive***

**Sermon Application Review from Luke 17:1-6**

How did you respond to a conflict this past week in light of last week's sermon?

How did you step out in faith to forgive someone this past week?

**Scripture References**

Luke 6:27-36

Leviticus 19:17-18, 33-34

Psalms 111:4-9

Matthew 5:38-48

Acts 7:54-60

Romans 12:17-21

1 Peter 2:18-25

**Study Questions**

1. How does Jesus' command to "love your enemies" relate to our natural instincts when faced with threat of harm (6:27a)? What is the most difficult aspect of loving those who have hurt us, intend to hurt us, or whose views or actions threaten our way of life?
2. Give an example of a time when you have returned hate with doing good, curse with seeking God's favor for that person, or abuse with prayer for that person's welfare (6:27b-28). How did you feel afterward? How did you see God work in that situation?
3. What do you think about this statement about "turning the other cheek:" "Love is available, vulnerable, and subject to repeated abuse"? Is this a good summary of Jesus' illustrations in Luke 6:29-30? Why or why not? How do Jesus (Luke 24:34), Stephen (Luke 7:60), and Paul (Acts 14:19-22; 16:22-40) set an example of the kind of love that ministers at the risk of increasing persecution?
4. How does the context of love for enemies shape how we understand the Golden Rule (6:31)? How is the treating others the way you want to be treated different than treating others well so they will treat you well (6:32-34)? Where do you see room to grow personally in loving others without expectation of return?
5. How does God's love, freely given to the good and evil, free us to love freely and fully without expecting any return (6:35)? If we were to love like this, how would it effect our witness to our world? What is the next step God is calling you to take toward loving your enemies like this?

**Recommended Reading**

John Piper, *Love Your Enemies* (Crossway, [1979] 2012), available for free download at [desiringgod.com](http://desiringgod.com)

Russell Moore, *Onward: Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel* (B&H, 2015)