

PART FIVE: LOVE YOUR ENEMY

Jesus said many things while he was here on earth with us, some are easy to follow, while others are just plain difficult. One of the hardest Jesus said was to “love your enemy.” It is hard enough for us to love someone who we would consider a friend, let alone someone who we consider an enemy. Join us today as we unpack just how we can love our enemy, and really how important it is that we do.

BIG IDEA: God will never call you to hate anyone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was your greatest childhood rival, enemy, or competition?
2. How does someone become someone else’s enemy?
3. Do you choose to fight with your enemies or avoid them?
4. Dave mentioned that we can choose whether or not we see someone as an enemy, I want you to really look deep down and share your opinion of that statement
5. Read 1 Samuel 24:1-10 and then discuss how David chose to see saul?

*After Saul returned from fighting the Philistines, he was told that David had gone into the wilderness of En-gedi. So Saul chose 3,000 elite troops from all Israel and went to search for David and his men near the rocks of the wild goats. At the place where the road passes some sheepfolds, Saul went into a cave to relieve himself. But as it happened, David and his men were hiding farther back in that very cave! “Now’s your opportunity!” David’s men whispered to him. “Today the Lord is telling you, ‘I will certainly put your enemy into your power, to do with as you wish.’” So David crept forward and cut off a piece of the hem of Saul’s robe. But then David’s conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul’s robe. He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. I shouldn’t attack the **Lord’s anointed one**, for the Lord himself has chosen him.” So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul (come on you know that you have been there when your friends are so heated that you have to stop them from firing off the shot for you). After Saul had left the cave and gone on his way, David came out and shouted after him, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked around, David bowed low before him. Then he shouted to Saul, “Why do you listen to the people who say I am trying to harm you? This very day you can see with your own eyes it isn’t true. For the Lord placed you at my mercy back there in the cave. Some of my men told me to kill you, but I spared you. For I said, ‘I will never harm the king—he is the **Lord’s anointed one**.’”*

6. Now Read Romas 5:10 and then discuss what this passage means about us.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

MOVING FORWARD

We can not allow another day to go by where Christians are simply known for what they are against instead of what we are for. We were told by Jesus to go forward and love one another so that in this people will know that we are his disciples. How can you make a change right now that will show people that Christians are known for love rather than hate?

