

MESSAGE NOTES



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**Message:** The Mandalorian  
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**Does my personal creed hold up when dealing with people I like as well as with people I don't like or people who are different than me?**

<sup>27</sup>"But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. <sup>28</sup>Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. <sup>29</sup>If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. <sup>30</sup>Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

Luke 6: 27-31 (NLT)

<sup>32</sup>"If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! <sup>33</sup>And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! <sup>34</sup>And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. <sup>35</sup>"Love your enemies! Do good to them.

Luke 6:32-35a (NLT)

<sup>35</sup>... for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. <sup>36</sup>You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

Luke 6:35b – 36 (NLT)

**Does your personal creed hold up when your circumstances change?**

**What happens when your personal creed bumps into a real-life situation that's going to hurt someone else?**

<sup>29</sup>Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. <sup>30</sup>And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. <sup>31</sup>The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself... No other commandment is greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31 (NLT)

*Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.  
I've called your name. You're mine.  
I paid a huge price for you: ...  
That's how much you mean to me!  
That's how much I love you!  
I'd sell off the whole world to get you back,  
trade the creation just for you.*

Isaiah 43:1-4 (MSG)

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

MSG – The Message

NLT – New Living Translation

**TAKE HOME SHEET**



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Take a few minutes to think about your personal creed. What do you really believe in? What are the truths that you hold valuable enough to guide your everyday decisions? To make it easy, write down five beliefs that you filter all your decisions through?

Where do those beliefs come from? Family tradition, friends, social media, bible, science, politics, ...

Can you find biblical support for your beliefs? Write down verses that back up your creed.

What real life situations do you bump up against that challenge your personal creed the most?

- When dealing with people you don't like or that are different than you?
- When the situation will cost you something like comfort, power, position, or money?
- When your decision will hurt someone else?
- Something else?

How are you allowing God and what the Bible has to say to form your own personal creed?