

Text: Luke 6:27-28, 35-36

The Challenge of the “Unforgivable” Situation

- The _____ case study.
- The most natural response was to seek _____.
- For the follower of Jesus, there is no _____.

What Enemy Loving Forgiveness Looks Like

- We are to love our enemies by doing _____ to those who hate us (Lk. 6:27, 35).
- We are to love our enemies by _____ those who curse us (Lk 6:28; Ro 12:14).
- We are to love our enemies by _____ for those who hurt us (Lk 6:28; Ro 12:14).
- We are to love our enemies by _____ to them without expecting repayment (Lk 6:25).
- We are to love our enemies by never _____ evil with more evil (Ro 12:17).
- We are to love our enemies by never taking _____ (Ro 12:19).
- We are to love our enemies by _____ them if they are hungry and by giving them something to drink if they are thirsty (Ro 12:20).
- We are to love our enemies by not letting evil conquer us, but by _____ evil by doing good (Ro 12:21).

Break the Grip of Vengeance

- We must recognize how _____ we are to retaliate.
- We must embrace the way of _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- If you had been Simon Wiesenthal, how would you have responded to the Nazis SS officer's request for forgiveness? Why?
- Do you think there is ever a moral reason to *not* forgive? Why or why not?
- Why do you think Christ insists that His followers love their enemies? How is that even possible? How does our society condition us against Jesus' teaching on this matter?
- Of the eight principles of "enemy loving forgiveness," which do you find most difficult or distasteful and why?
- How can we possibly love our enemies the way Jesus and Paul demand without becoming their victims again?
- What does the cross teach us about loving our enemies?
- Who do you need to forgive? What enemies do you need to do good to this week? How do you think they will respond to your unmerited kindness?