

MARCH LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES:
"FROM SUCH TURN AWAY"



LESSON NINE:
DON'T BE THAT
CHRISTIAN!
(UNLOVING)





FOUNDATION
SCRIPTURE:
II TIMOTHY 3:1–5






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But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

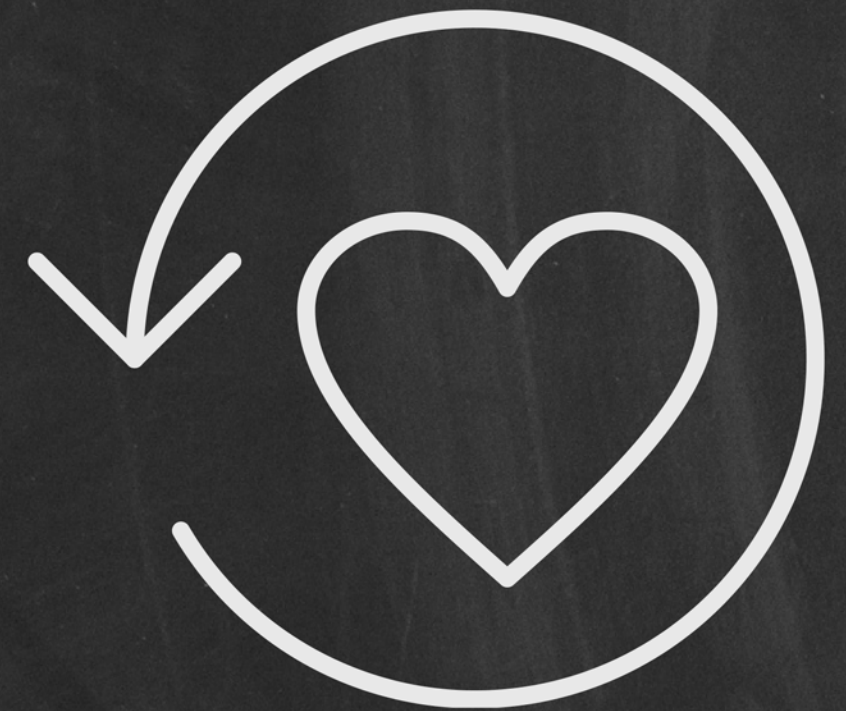


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“OUR JOB IS TO LOVE OTHERS
WITHOUT STOPPING TO
INQUIRE WHETHER OR NOT
THEY ARE WORTHY.”



GOD'S ESSENCE IS LOVE.

**1 JOHN 4:8, "WHOEVER DOES
NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD,
BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE."**



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JOHN 3:16,

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT
HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
EVERLASTING LIFE.



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ROMANS 5:8,

BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS
OWN LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT
WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED FOR US.



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CHRISTIAN LOVE IS A
LIFESTYLE.



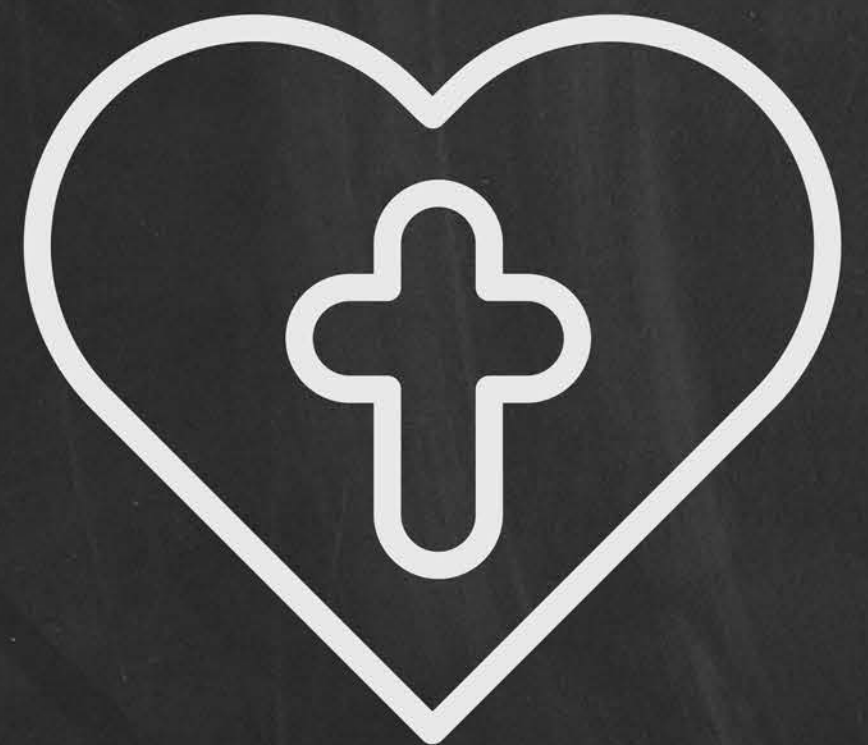
JOHN 13:34-35,

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO
YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE
ANOTHER, EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED
YOU, THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE
ANOTHER. BY THIS ALL MEN WILL
KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY
DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR
ONE ANOTHER.



MATTHEW 22:36-39,

‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ THIS IS THE GREATEST AND FOREMOST COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.”



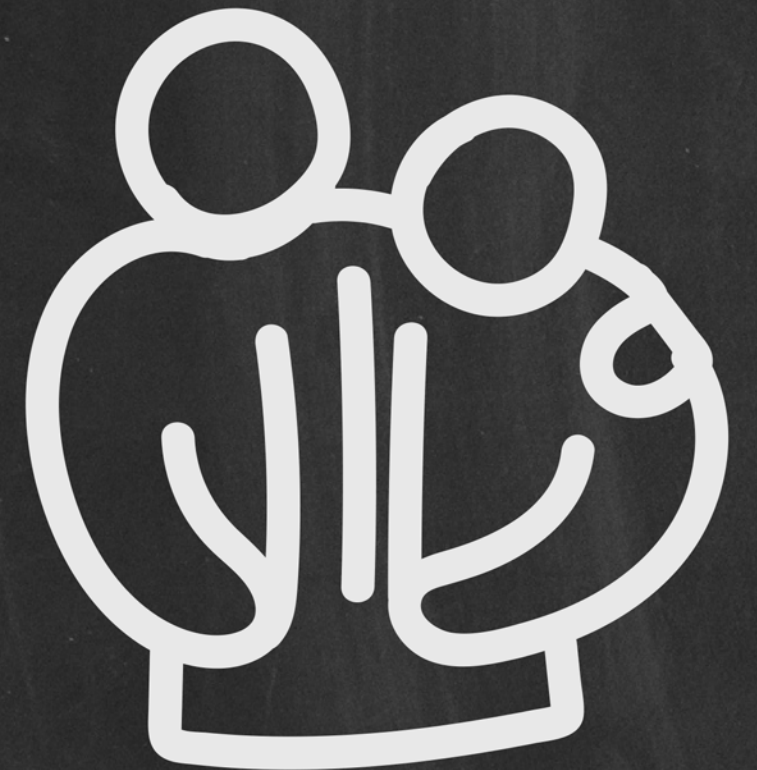
MATTHEW 7:12,

**IN EVERYTHING, THEREFORE, TREAT
PEOPLE THE SAME WAY YOU WANT
THEM TO TREAT YOU, FOR THIS IS
THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.**



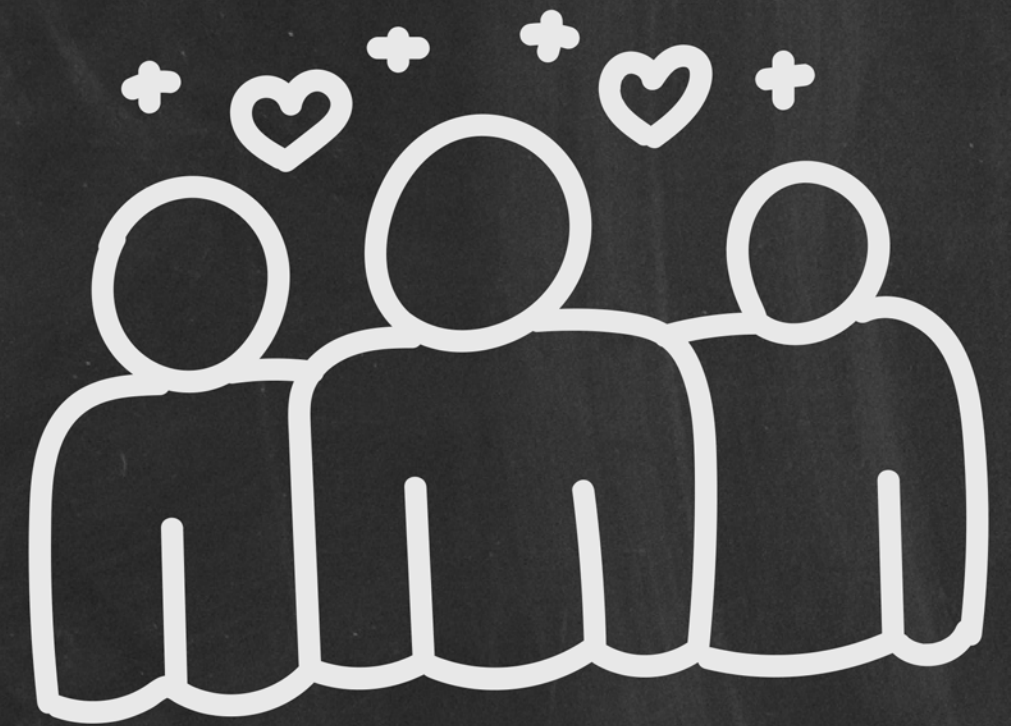
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**“TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU
WANT TO BE TREATED.”**



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LOVING THOSE WHO ARE
HARD TO LOVE.



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PEOPLE IS A HARDER
PATH OF FAITH, BUT IT'S
ALSO WHERE HIS
GREATEST WORK BEGINS
IN OUR OWN HEART.



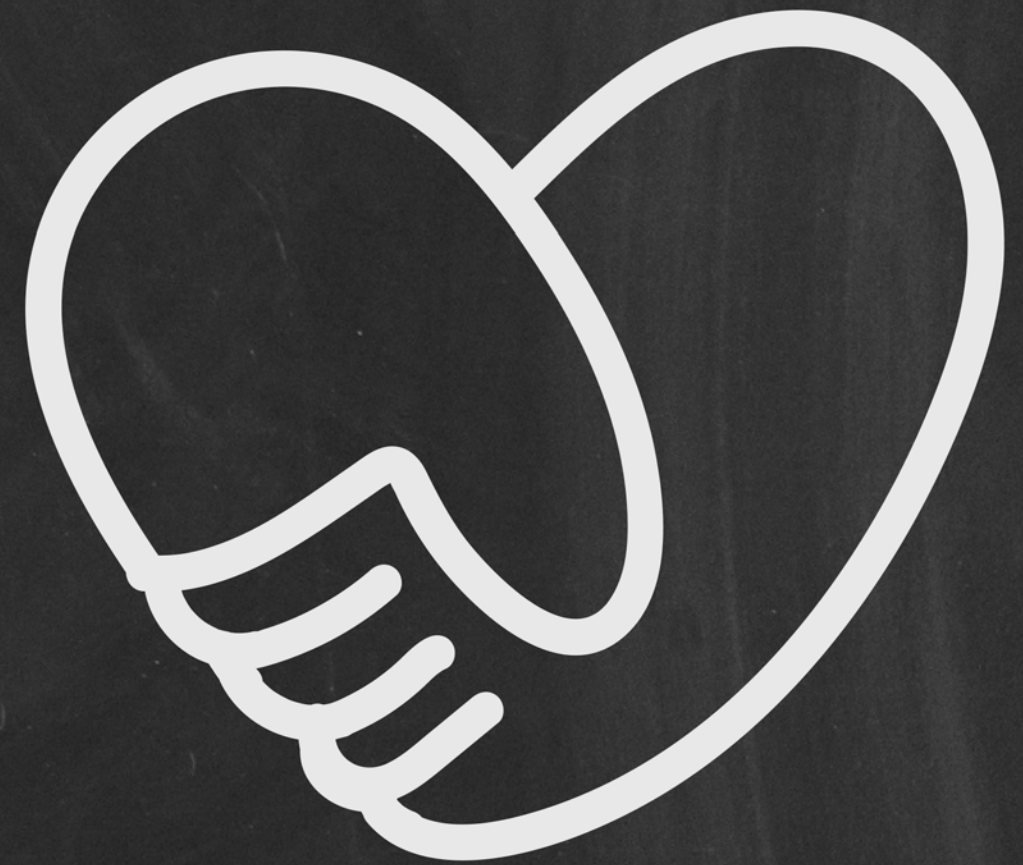
LUKE 6:32-34,

IF YOU LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, WHAT CREDIT IS THAT TO YOU? EVEN SINNERS LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE THEM. AND IF YOU DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO ARE GOOD TO YOU, WHAT CREDIT IS THAT TO YOU? EVEN SINNERS DO THAT. AND IF YOU LEND TO THOSE FROM WHOM YOU EXPECT REPAYMENT, WHAT CREDIT IS THAT TO YOU? EVEN SINNERS LEND TO SINNERS, EXPECTING TO BE REPAID IN FULL.”



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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.



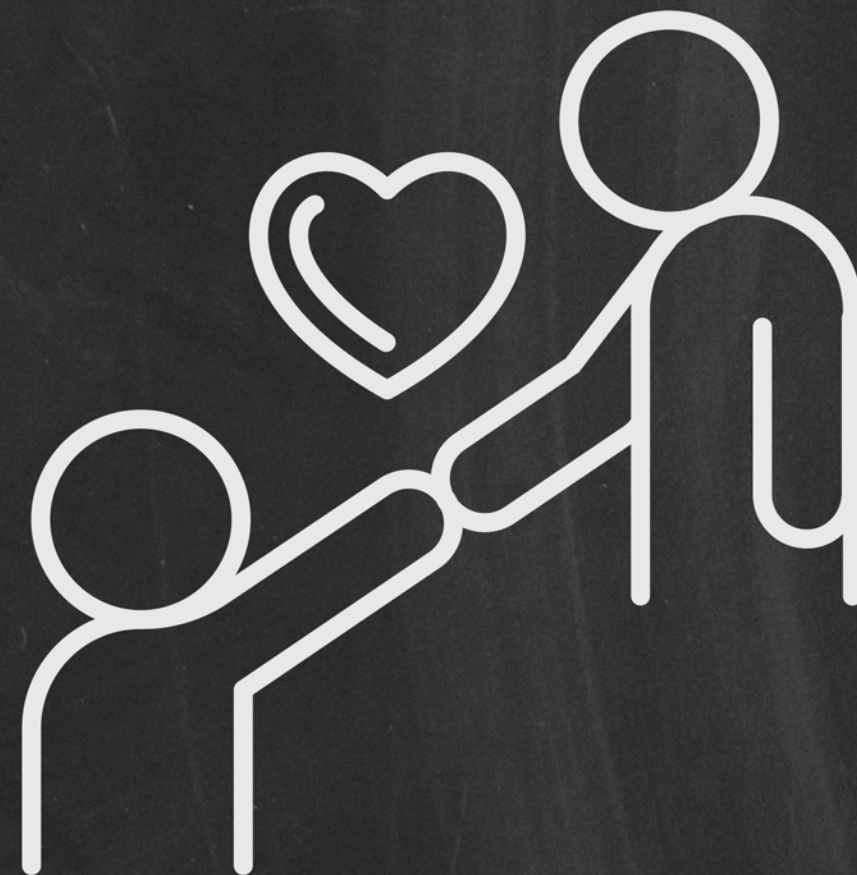
LUKE 6:35-36,

“BUT LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM, AND LEND TO THEM WITHOUT EXPECTING TO GET ANYTHING BACK. THEN YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT, AND YOU WILL BE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH, BECAUSE HE IS KIND TO THE UNGRATEFUL AND WICKED. BE MERCIFUL, JUST AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL.”



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THERE ARE NO
CATEGORIES OR
CONDITIONS FOR THE
PEOPLE WE ARE TO LOVE.



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WE ARE NEVER MORE
LIKE GOD THAN WHEN
WE LOVE THOSE
THAT HATE US.

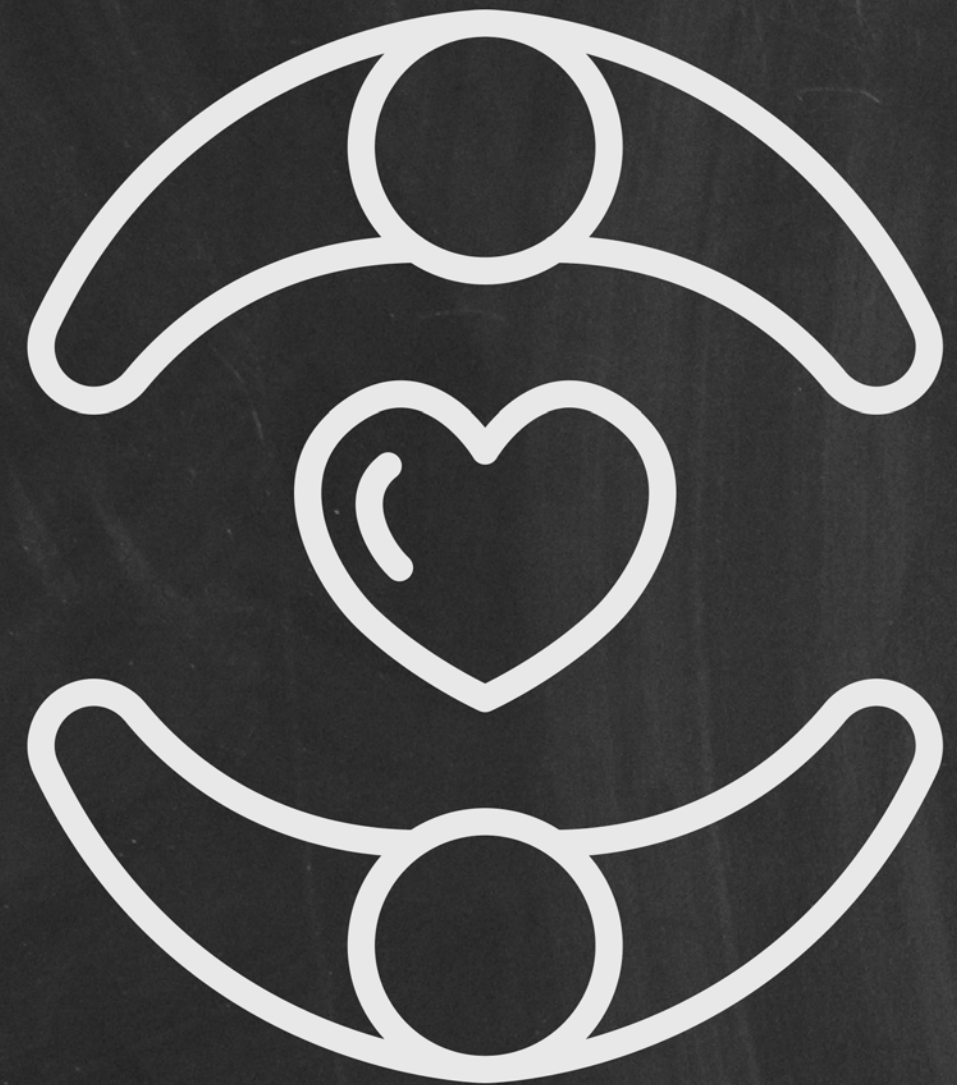


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“WHEN YOU LOVE
YOUR ENEMIES, YOU
REVEAL WHAT KIND
OF GOD OUR GOD IS.”



2“WHEN YOU LEARN
HOW TO SIT AT THE
TABLE WITH YOUR
JUDAS, YOU’LL
UNDERSTAND THE
LOVE OF CHRIST.”





**FIVE WAYS TO LOVE SOMEONE
WHO'S HARD TO LOVE:**



1. Pray Often

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



2. Humble Yourself
Romans 12:3



3. Learn Their Story
Colossians 3:12-13



4. Forgiven Often
Ephesians 4:32



5. Set Healthy Boundaries
Proverbs 13:20

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WHEN YOU LOVE
PEOPLE IN SPITE OF,
IT MAKES A
DIFFERENCE.



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ROMANS 5:8,

BUT GOD PROVES HIS LOVE FOR US
IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL
SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.



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**“DON'T WAIT FOR
OTHER PEOPLE TO BE
LOVING, LEAD THE
WAY!”**



FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS:

1. How do you know God loves you?
2. Christian love is a lifestyle. How so?
3. For God to teach you real love, He must bring unlovely people into your life. Agree or disagree?
4. Why is it necessary for Christians to love their enemies?
5. List five ways to love someone who's hard to love.
6. How would you define "In spite of love?"
7. How can I apply this lesson to my spiritual life?

