

UNSHAKEABLE

LIVING THE WORDS OF JESUS



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Nov 1, 2020

Matthew 5:48 "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Why Would I Love My Enemies?

Matthew 5:45 "So that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. "

Kingdom People Love their Enemies

-Because it reflects the heart of God

Romans 5:8 "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God."10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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- **Love is leveraging your resources for the good of those around you.**
- **Pray for their persecutors**

Matthew 5:46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

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- Extend greetings to everyone**

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SERMON STUDY GUIDE

We meet in Life Groups to: Connect deeper with God and each other through prayer and relationship. Connect the Bible to life. Connect with our community through serving.

ICE BREAKER: If you could live in any decade, which would you choose?

PRAYER: God is worthy to be sought - take time to pray together in your group.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NLT)

Ask yourselves the following questions as you read this week’s Bible passage...

What is God asking me to believe?

What is God asking me to do?

How is God preparing me to live more effectively for him?



For free tips and resources on what is in the Bible and how to read it, visit www.thebibleproject.com. The Bible Project creates free videos that show the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus. To find out more about this ministry, check out this short video: <https://youtu.be/vFwNZNyDu9k>.

SERMON SERIES: “*Unshakeable: Living The Words of Jesus*”

In this sermon series we explore how to live according to Jesus’ teachings in **Matthew chapters 5-7**. This is the **Gospel of the Kingdom**. It is something we are not only to know, but to do, to *live*. And when we do that, we are immovable, unshakeable because the foundation is Jesus and he is the Rock of our salvation that is immovable and *unshakeable*.

Reference: *The Essence: Unpacking Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount* (2020). Winslade. Wipf Stock Pub.

THIS WEEK: Matthew

Matthew 5:43-48

Watch the weekend’s sermon here: <http://www.coldspringschurch.net/sermons.html>.

EXPLORING TOGETHER

There is value in sharing perspectives about the weekend message in community. With dialogue around God’s truths, perspective broadens and impacts transformation.

1. What is something from this weekend's message that stood out to you? How so?

TAKING IT HOME

We are not meant to just let life happen to us, conforming rather than transforming (Romans 12:1-2). We can choose to allow God's transforming power into our life.

2. What experience have you had of struggling to forgive someone who has deeply offended you? What happened?
3. Are Christians allowed to have enemies? How does that correlate with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18)
4. John 15:18–21 speaks of hatred for Christians. Why have Christians been persecuted over the centuries?
5. How does God actually give us the love that he wants us to show toward others—even our enemies?
6. When Jesus suggested that we pray for our enemies, for what in particular should we pray?
7. How would you explain v.48 to someone new to the Christian faith?

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Within every Christ-follower is everything required to treat other people the way God does—even, if not especially, those who treat us as enemies. It is a potential within all of God's children. All we need to do is activate it and show the family likeness.

Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do (2 Corinthians 5:21, John 8:36, Luke 19:10)

- The Gospel - the Good News of Jesus - is that we are forgiven by God. Because we are forgiven, through the Spirit of God we have been given the power to forgive.
 - No forgiveness, no freedom.
 - In forgiveness, there is freedom. Freedom to love and be loved.

8. Jesus repeatedly taught on how we are to treat others. Relationship held a primary position in his words. In light of this week's message, what do you need to *surrender, follow, listen* or *do*?