

How to Live With Hurtful People

October 18, 2020 The Rest of the Sermon on the Mount, part 7

October Memory Scripture

John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **John 3:17 (ESV)**

Last Week Review

- ✓ This life is only the beginning, the preparation, the journey toward the return of King Jesus and the life that is **truly** life.
 - ➔ The end of the beginning, Revelation 21 – Live FOR it!
 - ➔ The beginning of the beginning, Genesis 1 – Live FROM it!
 - ➔ The middle of the beginning, Matthew 5:45-48 – Live IN it!
 - ✓ There is a sense of urgency to live FFF Obedience - Focused on Jesus, Filtering through Jesus, Fighting Behind Jesus
 - ✓ RSU Kingdom lifestyle is about representing Jesus through **love**
- Ephesians 3:8–10 (ESV)** ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Matthew 5:45–48

How do we live RSU love with hurtful people?

- † Love: doing what is best for all
- † Selfishness, not hate, is the opposite of love
- † Love is acting Right-side Up in an Upside-Down world, which means it will often feel wrong when it is right.

1. Love is our context, our weapon, our strategy, and tactics.

Matthew 5:43–44

2. Love is doing what is best for all – even your enemies.

Matthew 5:43–44

Proverbs 25:21–22 (ESV) ²¹If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, ²²for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.

3. Love is praying for people as they persecute you.

Matthew 5:11–12

Matthew 5:43–44

† Model: Jesus Christ, fully man and full divine.

1 Peter 2:23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

† Model: First century Christ-followers.

1 Peter 4:16 (ESV) Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Colossians 1:24 (ESV) Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

2 Timothy 2:3–4 (ESV) ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

4. Love is only possible through the Holy Spirit in us.

Philippians 4:13 (ESV) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Ephesians 3:20–21 (ESV) ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Romans 12:14–21

What do we do with this?

- ☒ What stuck out to you?
- ☒ What is God saying about what stuck out?
- ☒ What do you need to do in response?

Psalm 73:23–28 (ESV) ²³Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. ²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. ²⁸But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Psalm 37:1–6 (ESV) ¹Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! ²For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. ³Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. ⁴Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

New Song News

Today

- ✓ Bibles available during worship.

This Week

- ✓ From Where God Sits episodes, 12:11pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Pastor Herb's Facebook page.
- ✓ Wednesday, 9am–noon, Ladies' Bible Study in the Park. Bring Bible, pen and paper to study God's purpose for you. See Nancy Seman for more info.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm – Weekly Bible Study through Pastor Herb's Facebook page. This week is a study of Joshua 7.
- ✓ Friday – Women's Bible Study, 10am. Current study: The Relying on the Holy Spirit by Charles Stanley. Contact Debbie Mazzeo for a study book and Susan Katreeb for more information.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Nov. 8-15, Week of Prayer and Fasting. Put it on your calendar and ask God how He wants you to fast and pray.
- ✓ Nov. 11, 7pm, All Church Prayer Gathering.
- ✓ Live streaming of worship services will continue for the foreseeable future.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/>.
- ✓ New Song YouTube Channel - Sunday sermons, Thursday Bible Studies & Pastor Herb's daily 12:11pm From Where God Sits episodes: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGj3cRY-AnOkv1AetkgDMMw>



New Song
Community Church

Living Right-Side Up in 2020

- ✦ S.L.O. Lifestyle with God Together
Surrender ➔ Listen ➔ Obey ...*together*
- ✦ Soldier-like Friendships
“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” Proverbs. 27:17
- ✦ Salty Presence “Beyond the Walls”
Making people thirsty for Jesus

Regular Offering	Projected Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise
10/11/2020 \$ 3,202.50	\$ 2,821.63	10/11/2020 \$ 42.00	10/11/2020 \$ 44.80
To Date \$ 110,932.34	\$ 115,687.02	Balance \$ 2,930.16	Month Total \$ 44.80
Experiencing More Building Fund Campaign			
	Actual Giving	Weekly Pledged	Friends of New Song
10/11/2020	\$ 346.48	\$ 543.59	\$ 0.00
79 weeks	\$ 30,826.18	\$ 42,943.59	\$ 3,000.00

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