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Love Like Jesus

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"But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. Do to others as you would like them to do to you. If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! 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. Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate."
Luke 6:27-36 NLT

Loving Like Jesus in a World That Doesn't Know How to Love

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The Pattern of Jesus Was Always Truth and Love

Loving Without Receiving

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Jesus Loved His Enemies

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8 NIV

“You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves.”
Matthew 5:43-45 MSG

Love That Forgives When It Is Undeserved

Love Displayed at the Cross

> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”
> Luke 23:34 NLT

A Call to Live Differently