

PART 3: Trusting God's Justice

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START

We all have enemies in life. Maybe it was a school bully, an adult bully, someone who has attacked you, or caused distress in our lives. Regardless of who our enemy is, one thing is for sure, we wouldn't want to share a meal with them. Yet, Jesus calls us to love our enemies.

- Who was the first bully you encountered in life?
- How do you confront the bullies in your life?
- How does God sustain you when you are surrounded by your enemies?

READ

[Psalm 23:5](#) (NIV)

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

THINK

Jesus calls us to love our enemies, pray for them, bless them, and do good to them. This is countercultural to our world that either says you must passively submit to your enemies, or violently fight them. Jesus teaches a way of confrontation that puts justice into God's hands and seeks restoration for all involved.

- How can you creatively love your enemies?
- Why is it hard to trust God with his justice?
- What creeps up within you knowing that God loves your enemies the same as he loves you?
- Who sees you as an enemy and how can you help change that perspective?

PRAY

God, thank you for loving me and providing a way for me to be in relationship with you. Help me to trust in your justice and have confidence that you are making all things new. Even my enemies.

ACT

This week, take a step to love your enemies and take a step to begin restoring a relationship where someone might view you as their enemy.

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