



Series: Love Them Anyway  
“They Oppose You...”  
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## Talk It Over

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- I. How in the world do we do this?
  
- II. Become \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus
  
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ empowers us to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

### SMALL TALK

1. Why do people often call revenge "sweet"?

### VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Luke 6:27-31.** What positive responses to mistreatment did Jesus command?
3. What different kinds of mistreatment did Jesus refer to in His commands?
4. **READ Luke 6:32-36.** About what three positive actions did Jesus ask, "What credit is that to you?" Is Jesus critical of conditional love?

### GETTING PERSONAL

5. Why does Jesus ask us to love our enemies, and bless those who curse us, and to do good to those who do us harm?
6. What does it take for someone to live as Jesus described?
7. When is forgiveness most difficult? How can Romans 5:8 help us when forgiveness is difficult?

### MAKING PROGRESS

8. VCC's core statements are:
  1. Love God Whole-Heartedly
  2. Do First Things First
  3. Don't Do Life Alone
  4. Saved People Serve People
  5. Followers Say, "Follow Me"

Can you connect the commands of Jesus that we studied today to any or all of our core statements? Which core statement do you intend to make progress on this week? How?