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13 Reasons

***“Wiggle Room”***

Luke 6:27-31

***“But I tell you who hear me; Love your enemies…” Lk. 6:27***

Can you think of a clear teaching of Jesus that you wish were not so clear? What is it?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Are there words that used to have clear meanings in which contemporary culture has discovered lots of “wiggle room”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In the story of the “good Samaritan” Jesus implies that our “neighbor” is anyone who is in need. Does this definition of “neighbor” challenge you? How? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**“*But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you..” - Lk. 6:27***

The word “hate” can include being dismissive of, or de-valuing a person. Considering this, to whom might you be called to “do good”? How could you do that? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***…bless those who curse you… - Lk. 6:28***

How could “blessing” or praising a person who is working against you turn you from victim to victor in the situation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***… pray for those who mistreat you...- Lk.6:27***

If you were to pray for “those who mistreat you” as intently and sincerely as you pray for those you love, how would you pray? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***“If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also.”***

***– Lk. 6:29***

In light if the previous verses, what do you think it means to “turn the other cheek” towards people who are dismissive, hostile or insulting towards us? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The story of the Bible tells of a fallen humanity that is in rebellion against God. How does the Gospel tell of a God who has “turned the other cheek” towards His fallen people? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies…”- Lk.6:27***

How can putting this verse into practice close the “wiggle room” between our character and the character of Christ?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Next week:* ***“Backbone”****. Read John 2:12-17. Has a passage of Scripture ever inspired you to decisive action during a time of doubt?*